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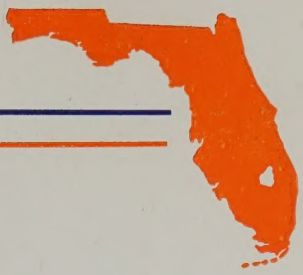

OFFICIAL REPORT
Florida State
BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

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JANUARY, 1950

CIGARETTE TAX CERTIFICATION TO BE MADE SOON

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

NOTE: As the Bulletin goes to press certification of the cigarette money has been paid to the Comptroller's office. The cities and Wakulla and Liberty counties will receive $843,661.28. State will receive $336,754.00 of the total of $1,265,-761.00 in tax collected. The amount received by the state, must by law, be spent for tuberculosis sanitorium construction and maintenance.

The Beverage Department had hoped to be able by the first of January to certify amounts due the Florida cities that had qualified to receive cigarette tax money under the new laws passed by the 1949 state legislature.

Several cities, however, were slow to pass enacting ordinances and thus qualify for the revenue. In addition, while distributors were instructed to turn in reports of sales to district offices of the department by the 10th of December, it was not until the 10th of January that all reports were received.

Bookkeeping machines in the cigarette tax division of the department have been adjusted for the processes concomitant to completion of records and the work should now progress rapidly.

Since the money will be prorated to sales rather than allocated on a per capita basis it is impossible to give an estimate of the amounts receivable by qualified cities, but it is our expectation that certification will be made by January 20th.

The slight decrease in beverage division receipts for December as compared with November can be attributed to the fact that the seasonal rush on sales of beer, wine and liquor licenses has ceased. There is still a healthy percentage of increase in collections by the division for the first six months of the fiscal year 1949-50.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS	
Excise Taxes	
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 4,775,611.39
Tax on Beer	5,165,315.57
Tax on Wine	870,378.93
Tax on Cigarettes	6,582,972.40
License Taxes	
License to sell liquor	987,322.49
License to sell beer, beer and wine	191,521.33
Importers License	30.00
License to sell cigarettes	79,967.00
Miscellaneous Taxes	
Vehicle permits, Penalties, etc.	9,006.41
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$18,662,125.52

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER COLLECTED IN DECEMBER 1949

	No. of Gallons and Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer Collected in Bottles (Pints or Less)	19,961,305	$ 598,839.16
Beer in Bottles (Quarts)	632,383	37,942.98
Beer in Kegs (Gallons)	569,016.50	136,563.96
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	3,135.67	6,271.34
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per gallon)	163,417.66	228,784.78
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 per gallon)	24,901.43	24,901.43
Florida Wine (20c gallon)	3,076.61	615.33
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,033,918.98

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR NOVEMBER 1948 AND NOVEMBER 1949

	Nov. 1948 Gallons	Nov. 1949 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,925,475	2,598,485		326,990
Natural Sparkling Wine	3,641	3,136		505
Wine over 14%	144,505	163,418	18,913	
Less 14% Wine	21,583	24,901	3,318	
Florida Wine	1,063	3,077	2,014	

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OCTOBER 1949 AND NOVEMBER 1949

	Oct. 1949 Gallons	Nov. 1949 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,780,269	2,598,485		181,784
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,206	3,136	1,930	
Wine over 14%	101,965	163,418	61,453	
Less 14% Wine	12,030	24,901	12,871	
Florida Wine	4,014	3,077		937

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS OF THE STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 and 1949-50

	Six Months 1948-49	Six Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 4,067,414.67	$ 4,775,611.39	$ 708,196.72	$
Tax on Beer	5,228,945.00	5,165,315.57		63,629.43
Tax on Wine	538,836.55	870,378.93	331,542.38	
Tax on Cigarettes	6,040,358.76	6,582,972.40	542,613.64	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to Sell Liquor	912,031.87	987,322.49	75,290.62	
License to Sell Beer, Beer and wine	197,546.97	191,521.33		6,025.64
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to Sell Cigarettes	68,230.00	79,967.00	11,737.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	8,145.55	9,006.41	860.86	
TOTALS	$17,061,529.37	$18,662,125.52	$1,670,251.22	$69,655.07

Net Increase $1,600,596.15

Percentage of Increase 9.38%

Receipts for the six months of 1948-49 fiscal year do not include car sales or refunds.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1949

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 934,187.72
Beer and Wine License	8,077.50
Liquor License	4,912.50
Beer and Wine Tax	1,033,918.98
Floor Tax on Wine	452.45
Beverage Tags	554.00
Penalties	2,397.00
Miscellaneous Sales	40.29
TOTAL	$1,984,540.44

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1948 and DECEMBER 1949

	December 1948	December 1949	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 916,187.85	$ 934,187.72	$ 17,999.87	$
Beer and Wine License	12,925.94	8,077.50		4,848.44
Liquor License	48,643.09	4,912.50		43,730.59
Tax on Beer	882,188.84	773,346.10		108,842.74
Tax on Wine	115,828.34	260,572.88	144,744.54	
Floor Tax on Wine		452.45	452.45	
Beverage Tags	518.00	554.00	36.00	
Penalties	455.00	2,397.00	1,942.00	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales		40.29	40.29	
Confiscated Liquor	394.75			394.75
TOTALS	$1,977,142.81	$1,984,540.44	$165,215.15	$157,817.52
Less Decrease			157,817.52	
Net Increase			$ 7,397.63	

Percentage of Increase ..... .37%

Collections for December 1948 do not include $2,943.40 that was collected from car sales and refunds.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1949 and DECEMBER 1949

	November 1949	December 1949	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$1,001,433.56	$ 934,187.72	$	$ 67,245.84
Beer and Wine License	30,305.50	8,077.50		22,228.00
Liquor License	97,340.77	4,912.50		92,428.27
Tax on Beer	828,069.03	773,346.10		54,722.93
Tax on Wine	141,732.41	260,572.88	118,840.47	
Floor Tax on Wine Eff. Oct. 4, 1949	12,383.29	452.45		11,930.84
Beverage Tags	433.00	554.00	121.00	
Penalties	552.50	2,397.00	1,844.50	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	2.25	40.29	38.04	
TOTALS	$2,112,253.31	$1,984,540.44	$120,844.01	$248,556.88
Less Increase				120,844.01
Net Decrease				$127,712.87

Percentage of Decrease 6%

Enforcement Division Maintains High Standards During First Half of New Fiscal Year

A recapitulation of law enforcement figures of the State Beverage Department for the first six months of the fiscal year 1949-50 shows that enforcement was maintained at a level which compares favorably with that of the previous record-breaking six-months period.

In spite of the severe slash in enforcement personnel effected in the summer of 1949 when the state's finances were at low ebb, during the months of July through December agents of the department destroyed a total of 284 stills. These stills had a combined capacity of 56,301 gallons and would have been capable of defrauding state and federal governments of approximately thirty-two and a half million dollars in a year's time.

The 214,653 gallons of mash, 7,178 gallons of moonshine and miscellaneous equipment destroyed were valued at $120,191.92. Estimated value of the 78 cars confiscated was $24,790.

In July, August and September, while enforcement activities were necessarily curtailed, the skeleton crew kept on by the department nevertheless managed to make 384 arrests. After the Flying Squad was restored in October to something approaching normalcy, the drive on lawbreakers was intensified. October, November and December saw 530 arrests made and brought the total for the period to 914.

Cases tried in county and federal courts numbered 720. Of the defendants, 633 were convicted and only 87 acquitted. Fines amounted to $59,664.94 and sentences totalling 35 years, 8 months and 23 days were imposed.

Highlight of the department's enforcement record was the Hardee County raid that dealt a deathblow to the large-scale bootleg whiskey and gambling ring maintained by the Huss family. The entire Flying Squad participated in the raid.

The three sections of the Flying Squad joined forces on other occasions to stage raids in Palm Beach County, Alachua County, Leon and adjacent north Florida counties.

Bars in the West Palm Beach area were raided when undercover investigators of the Beverage Department found that they were selling liquor to minors.

Just prior to the annual Homecoming weekend at the University of Florida, at the request of certain University officials the Flying Squad raided establishments in and around Gainesville. A large quantity of "red" whiskey was seized on this occasion.

In "dry" Leon County and surrounding counties the Squad made two pre-Thanksgiving forays, one within the city limits of the Capital City. Liquor seized in the two operations was valued at approximately $20,000.

Other salient events during the past six months include the Flying Squad's Volusia County ambush that resulted in the breaking up of a large bootleg ring (photo on back cover), the destruction of a 250-gallon still located within eight blocks of the Dade County courthouse in Miami, the confiscation of a number of slot machines in Lee County and the discovery of 505 gallons of moonshine stored in a Jacksonville garage.

Concluding the six-months period, beverage agents struck sharply at illicit moonshine activities in northern and north-western Florida and worked in cooperation with Georgia officials to arrest a Georgia deputy sheriff and two companions for transporting Florida moonshine into Georgia for disposition. A new Beverage Department Oldsmobile was used to overtake the moonshine car in a 115-mile per hour chase.

The year 1950, Director Lewis M. Schott stated, promises to be even tougher for the bootlegger. The department will continue and intensify its strong enforcement policy in the months to come.

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	20	3,800	8,350	107- 4/16	1	$ 550.00	$ 5,050.00
2—Tallahassee	4	907.50	3,150	97- 1/16	1	75.00	2,104.50
3—Jacksonville	14	4,500	22,400	1,110-11/16	4	1,650.00	11,097.00
4—Ocala	5	1,000	5,150	117-12/16	2	475.00	2,735.75
5—Orlando	--	--------	--------	8- 7/16	0	----------	----------
6—Tampa	6	535	4,225	75- 7/16	2	115.00	1,723.00
7—Sarasota	1	20	20	18- 1/16	0	----------	150.00
8—Miami	2	500	3,575	125-13/16	1	700.00	1,715.00
TOTAL	52	11,262.50	46,870	1,660- 7/16	11	$3,565.00	$24,575.25
FLYING SQUAD							
Section "A"	6.33	1,198.33	2,503.33	34-11/16	1.66	$ 566.66	$ 1,953.50
Section "B"	6.33	1,198.33	2,503.33	34-11/16	1.66	566.66	1,953.50
Section "C"	6.33	1,198.33	2,503.33	34-11/16	1.66	566.66	1,953.50
TOTAL	19	3,595	7,510	104- 1/16	5	$1,700.00	$ 5,860.50
GRAND TOTAL	71	14,857.50	54,380	1,764- 8/16	16	$5,265.00	$30,435.75

MISCELLANEOUS:

25 Bags Charcoal, 200 lbs. Rye, 5 lbs. Flour, 125 Gallons Kerosene.

Note: In December, as in November, the three sections of the Flying Squad operated credit has been divided equally among the three sections.

RT — DECEMBER, 1949

	Arrests														
	Shine	Other	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
.....	13	5	7	7	0	$ 450.11	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	$ .....
.....	21	0	11	11	0	890.00	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	.....
.....	41	3	34	34	0	2,270.00	....	....	....	0	....	....	120	.....
.....	22	5	38	38	0	3,672.00	....	9	....	0	....	....	....	.....
.....	6	3	3	3	0	122.00	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	.....
.....	20	11	27	21	6	2,750.00	1	6	....	0	....	....	....	.....
.....	4	11	20	19	1	1,385.00	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	.....
.....	6	1	1	1	0	100.00	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	.....
.....	133	39	141	134	7	$11,639.11	1	15	....	1	....	....	120	$ .....
.....	3	0.33	6	5.33	0.66	458.33	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	$ 41.66
.....	3	0.33	6	5.33	0.66	458.33	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	41.66
.....	3	0.33	6	5.33	0.66	458.33	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	41.66
.....	9	1	18	16	2	$ 1,375.00	....	....	....	0	....	....	....	$125.00
.....	142	40	159	150	9	$13,014.11	1	15	....	1	....	....	120	$125.00

a single unit most of the time, making absolute assignment of credit impossible. Therefore,

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF DECEMBER 1948 and DECEMBER 1949

	December 1948	December 1949	Increase	Decrease
RECEIPTS				
Excise Taxes				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 916,187.85	$ 934,187.72	$17,999.87	$
Tax on Beer	882,188.84	773,346.10		108,842.74
Tax on Wine	115,828.34	261,025.33	145,196.99	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,166,804.96	1,499,583.17	332,778.21	
License Taxes				
License to Sell Liquor	48,643.09	4,912.50		43,730.59
License to Sell Beer, Beer and Wine	12,925.94	8,077.50		4,848.44
License to Sell Cigarettes	2,268.00			2,268.00
Miscellaneous Taxes				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	1,383.75	2,991.29	1,607.54	
TOTALS	$3,146,230.77	$3,484,123.61	$497,582.61	$159,689.77
Less Decrease			159,689.77	
Net Increase			$337,892.84	
Percentage of Increase	10.74%			

Collections for December 1948 do not include collections from car sales and refund.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

DECEMBER — 1949

	COP	PS	CLUB	DBW	LD
New Applications, Approved	18	1	1	1	0
New Applications, Disapproved	2	1	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	51	11	1	0	2
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	2	0	0	0	0
	73	13	2	1	2

TOTAL 91

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

DECEMBER — 1949

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	126	15	64	6
New Applications, Disapproved	6	0	3	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	59	4	76	8
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0
	191	19	143	14

TOTAL 367

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS, 1948-49 and 1949-50

	Six Months 1948-49	Six Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 4,067,414.67	$ 4,775,611.39	$ 708,196.72	$
Beer and Wine License	197,546.97	191,521.33		6,025.64
Liquor License	912,031.87	987,322.49	75,290.62	
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	5,228,945.00	5,165,315.57		63,629.43
Tax on Wine	538,836.55	803,565.97	264,729.42	
Floor Tax on Wine Eff. Oct. 4, 1949		66,812.96	66,812.96	
Beverage Tags	1,363.00	1,430.00	67.00	
Penalties	6,284.00	7,260.00	976.00	
Storage Permits	1.00	2.00	1.00	
Miscellaneous Sales		157.76	157.76	
Confiscated Liquors	394.75			394.75
TOTALS	$10,952,837.81	$11,999,029.47	$1,116,241.48	$70,049.82
Less Decrease			70,049.82	
Net Increase			$1,046,191.66	
Percentage of Increase	9.5%			

The collections above for 1948-49 do not include $21,639.84 derived from sale of confiscated cars and refunds.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$4,703,062.62	
Collected from sale of liquor (No Stamps issued)	2,830.47	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,718.30	
Total Collected from Liquor		$ 4,775,611.39
Beer and Wine License		191,521.33
Liquor License		987,322.49
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		5,968,881.54
Floor Tax on Wine		66,812.96
Beverage Tags		1,430.00
Penalties		7,260.00
Storage Permits		2.00
Miscellaneous Sales		157.76
		$11,999,029.47

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	6
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	0
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	0
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	28
5.	Transporting liquor	0
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	3
7.	Sale of liquor	8
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	7
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer license)	3
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	12
11.	Operating a lottery	0
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WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	13
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	2
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	1
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	19
6.	Selling beer and wine without license	0
7.	Sale to minor	0
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	3
9.	Selling liquor without license	0
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	74
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	0
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	8
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	1
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Interfering with officer's performance of duty	1
16.	Accessory before the fact	1
		123

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

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7—H. V. Miller	Box 1154, Sarasota
8—Louis O. Frost	817 S. W. 12th Ave., Miami

DRUMMOND PRESS—JACKSONVILLE

This moonshiner's spirit vanishes as his spirits fall into the hands of the State Beverage Department's Flying Squad. The man is one of two apprehended in a wild two-hour chase that also netted two cars and 210 gallons of shine. N. U. Griffis of Glen St. Mary, leader of the bootleg ring, was arrested the following day.

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REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR CIGARETTE TAX COLLECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

December, 1949

Governor Fuller Warren
Tallahassee, Florida

Your Excellency:

On the basis of November and December distributions to the incorporated municipalities of Florida of their share of money collected under the revised cigarette tax laws, it is evident that your promise to give the cities of Florida substantial financial aid certainly will be kept.

The new cigarette tax laws went into effect November 1, 1949, and thus far the State Beverage Department has certified for distribution cigarette tax collections for November and December, 1949.

During these two months the department took in a total of $2,765,344, of which the cities and the State Tuberculosis Board was entitled to $2,647,065.

The cities' share of this net cigarette tax collection amounts to $1,950,109. November benefits, already distributed to eligible municipalities totalled $843,521, while December benefits, which have been checked and certified for payment, total $1,106,588.

The State Tuberculosis Board, which receives cigarette tax money from cigarettes sold in unincorporated sections of 65 counties, is entitled to a November and

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STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS	
Excise Taxes	
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 5,592,471.10
Tax on Beer	6,022,602.95
Tax on Wine	1,181,277.00
Tax on Cigarettes	8,085,043.47
License Taxes	
Licenses to sell liquor	989,695.99
Licenses to sell beer, beer and wine	198,892.58
Importers license	30.00
Licenses to sell cigarettes	79,967.00
Miscellaneous Taxes	
Vehicle permits, penalties, etc	11,025.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$22,161,005.65

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR

DECEMBER 1949 COLLECTED JANUARY 1950

	No. of Gallons and Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer collected in bottles (Pints or less)	22,118,791	$ 663,563.77
Beer in bottles (Quarts)	640,521	38,431.26
Beer in kegs (Gallons)	647,168.12	155,320.35
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	9,122.94	18,245.88
Wine over 14% ($1.40 Gallon)	181,693.19	254,370.44
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 Gallon)	37,323.71	37,323.71
Florida Wine (20c Gallon)	2,620.50	524.10
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,167,779.51

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR DECEMBER 1948 AND DECEMBER 1949

	Dec. 1948 Gallons	Dec. 1949 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,060,576	2,880,935		179,641
Natural Sparkling Wine	9,076.25	9,122.94	46.69	
Wine over 14%	197,618.36	181,693.19		15,925.17
Wine less than 14%	37,864.91	37,323.71		541.20
Florida Wine	1,735	2,620.50	885.50	

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR NOVEMBER 1949 AND DECEMBER 1949

	Nov. 1949 Gallons	Dec. 1949 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,598,485	2,880,935	282,450	
Natural Sparkling Wine	3,136	9,123	5,987	
Wine over 14%	163,418	181,692	18,275	
Wine less than 14%	24,901	37,324	12,423	
Florida Wine	3,077	2,621		456

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS

FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE 1948-49 AND 1949-50 FISCAL YEARS

	Seven Months 1948-49	Seven Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 4,970,984.47	$ 5,592,471.10	$ 621,486.63	$
Tax on Beer	6,154,316.11	6,022,602.95		131,713.16
Tax on Wine	705,380.29	1,181,277.00	475,896.71	
Tax on Cigarettes	7,155,768.21	8,085,043.47	929,275,26	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	931,068.08	989,695.99	58,627.91	
License to Sell Beer, Beer and Wine	203,709.79	198,892.58		4,817.21
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	71,327.00	79,967.00	8,640.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle permits, penalties, etc.	9,158.55	11,025.56	1,867.01	
TOTALS	$20,201,732.50	$22,161,005.65	$2,095,803.52	$136,530.37
Less Decrease			136,530.37	
Net Increase			$1,959,273.15	
Percentage of Increase	9.70%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 816,859.71
Beer and Wine Licenses	7,371.25
Liquor Licenses	2,373.50
Beer and Wine Tax	1,167,779.51
Floor Tax on Wine	405.94
Beverage Tags	240.00
Penalties	1,748.00
Miscellaneous	30.50
TOTAL	$1,996,808.41

REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

CIGARETTE TAX COLLECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

(Continued from Inside Front Cover)

December total of $696,956. November benefits, already paid, amounted to $336,894, while December payments, already checked and certified, total $360,062.

Because of the heavy increase of purchases of cigarettes during the Winter season, and because there is no possible way to estimate how these will fall off during the Summer months, no accurate yearly estimate of revenue to the cities can be made.

However, Your Excellency safely can compute that a city such as Orlando will receive a return of about $300,000 a year from the State Beverage Department; Tallahassee should receive approximately $150,000 a year. Tampa will benefit by something like $640,000 a year; Pensacola will gain by about $180,000 a year; Jacksonville will profit by approximately $1,100,000 a year, and Miami should receive more than $1,500,000 a year.

Every other incorporated municipality in the state which has qualified under the new tax act will enjoy an augmented income from cigarettes sold within city limits, without having to hire tax collectors or auditors.

Certain cities, such as Miami, which had its own two-cent cigarette tax will not, of course, receive the full five cent increase, as repeal of local cigarette taxes was necessary in order to qualify for full benfits. However, comparatively few Florida cities levied their own cigarette taxes, and thus will get a full measure of the financial relief to the cities which was a major plank in your campaign platform.

The cost to the State Beverage Department of setting up and administering the new provisions of the cigarette tax laws have been and will continue to be a heavy drain on the department's budget. In order effectively to administrate and enforce the law, it has been necessary to employ a number of additional auditors and to acquire additional equipment. Now that the changeover to the new bookkeeping system has been accomplished, it is estimated that the cost to the Department will come to around $150,000 a year.

However, due to the one-cent tax increase, along with increased efficiency of administration and enforcement as shown by steadily increasing collections in comparison with expenses, this additional cost will be more than offset by the two-and-one-half per cent administration and enforcement fund established by the legislature.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 1949 AND JANUARY 1950

	December 1949	January 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 934,187.72	$ 816,859.71		$117,328.01
Beer and Wine License	8,077.50	7,371.25		706.25
Liquor License	4,912.50	2,373.50		2,539.00
Tax on Beer	773,346.10	857,287.38	83,941.28	
Tax on Wine	260,572.88	310,492.13	49,919.25	
Floor Tax on Wine	452.45	405.94		46.51
Beverage Tags	554.00	240.00		314.00
Penalties	2,397.00	1,748.00		649.00
Miscellaneous sales	40.29	30.50		9.79
TOTALS	$1,984,540.44	$1,996,808.41	$133,860.53	$121,592.56
Less Decrease			121,592.56	
Net Increase			$ 12,267.97	
Percentage of Increase	.61%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY 1949 AND JANUARY 1950

	January 1949	January 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 903,569.80	$ 816,859.71	$	$ 86,710.09
Beer and Wine Licenses	6,162.82	7,371.25	1,208.43	
Liquor Licenses	19,036.21	2,373.50		16,662.71
Tax on Beer	925,371.11	857,287.38		68,083.73
Tax on Wine	166,543.74	310,492.13	143,948.39	
Floor Tax on Wine Eff. Oct. 4,1949		405.94	405.94	
Beverage Tags	370.00	240.00		130.00
Penalties	520.00	1,748.00	1,228.00	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	50.00	30.50		19.50
Confiscated Liquors	117.00			117.00
TOTALS	$2,021,741.68	$1,996,808.41	$146,790.76	$171,724.03
Less Increase				146,790.76
Net Decrease				$ 24,933.27
Percentage of Decrease	1.23%			

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	19	2,210	4,710	88-13/16	4	$ 565.00	$ 2,639.00
2—Tallahassee	5	1,157.50	3,300	94	1	75.00	2,360.50
3—Jacksonville	13	2,675	15,700	271-13/16	1	250.00	5,900.00
4—Ocala	----	--------	--------	4/16	----	----------	----------
5—Orlando	2	150	820	41-14/16	2	325.00	464.00
6—Tampa	4	505	2,900	19-12/16	1	50.00	1,350.00
7—Sarasota	----	--------	--------	1	1	1,250.00	----------
8—Miami	5	775	3,730	118-15/16	3	2,190.00	2,730.00
TOTAL	48	7,472.50	31,160	636- 7/16	13	$4,705.00	$15,443.50
FLYING SQUAD							
Section "A"	10	2,318.33	8,696.66	173.83	2.66	$ 675.00	$ 5,659.66
Section "B"	10	2,318.33	8,696.66	173.83	2.66	675.00	5,659.66
Section "C"	10	2,318.33	8,696.66	173.83	2.66	675.00	5,659.66
TOTAL	30	6,955	26,090	521.50	8	$2,025.00	$16,979.00
GRAND TOTAL	78	14,427.50	57,250	1,157-15/16	21	$6,730.00	$32,422.50

MISCELLANEOUS:

25 Bags Charcoal, 450 lbs. Sugar, 550 lbs. Grain, 220 Gallons Kerosene.

Note: The three sections of the Flying Squad worked as a single unit during January, r among the sections.

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Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
37	6	6	0	$ 399.62	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	$ ----------
11	10	10	0	1,045.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
24	51	50	1	1,695.00	10	11	15	2	7	----	3	100.00
1	11	11	0	1,076.72	----	2	----	0	----	----	----	----------
18	9	9	0	690.13	----	6	----	2	----	6	----	----------
8	2	2	0	200.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
10	6	6	0	135.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
13	5	4	1	800.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
122	100	98	2	$6,041.47	11	7	15	4	7	6	3	$100.00
13.33	8.33	8.33	0	$6,053.33	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	$ ----------
13.33	8.33	8.33	0	6,053.33	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
13.33	8.33	8.33	0	6,053.33	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	----------
40	25	25	0	$18,160.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	$
162	125	123	2	$24,201.47	11	7	15	4	7	6	3	$100.00

king absolute assignment of credit impossible. Therefore, credit has been divided equally

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF DECEMBER 1949 AND JANUARY 1950

RECEIPTS	December 1949	January 1950	Increase	Decrease
Excise Taxes				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 934,187.72	$ 816,859.71	$	$117,328.01
Tax on Beer	773,346.10	857,287.38	$ 83,941.28	
Tax on Wine	261,025.33	310,898.07	49,872.74	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,499,583.17	1,502,071.72	2,488.55	
License Taxes				
License to Sell Liquor	4,912.50	2,373.50		2,539.00
License to Sell Beer, Beer and Wine	8,077.50	7,371.25		706.25
Miscellaneous Taxes				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	2,991.29	2,018.50		972.79
TOTALS	$3,484,123.61	$3,498,880.13	$136,302.57	$121,546.05
Less Decrease			121,546.05	
Net Increase			$ 14,756.52	
Percentage of Increase	.42%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

JANUARY — 1950

	COP	PS	CLUB	DBW	LD
New Applications, Approved	13	2	1	3	0
New Applications, Disapproved	2	0	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	66	10	1	0	1
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
	81	12	2	3	1

TOTAL..... 99

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

JANUARY — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	90	23	41	11
New Applications, Disapproved	3	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	62	8	97	15
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	0
	158	31	139	26

TOTAL.....352

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS, 1948-49 and 1949-50

	Seven Months 1948-49	Seven Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 4,970,984.47	$ 5,592,471.10	$ 621,486.63	$
Beer and Wine Licenses	203,709.79	198,892.58		4,817.21
Liquor Licenses	931,068.08	989,695.99	58,627.91	
Importers Licenses	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	6,154,316.11	6,022,602.95		131,713.16
Tax on Wine	705,380.29	1,181,277.00	475,896.71	
Beverage Tags	1,733.00	1,670.00		63.00
Penalties	6,804.00	9,008.00	2,204.00	
Storage Permits	2.00	2.00		
Miscellaneous Sales		188.26	188.26	
Confiscated Liquors	511.75			511.75
TOTALS	$12,974,529.49	$13,995,837.88	$1,158,413.51	$137,105.12
Less Decrease			137,105.12	
Net Increase			$1,021,308.39	
Percentage of Increase	7.87%			

The collections above for 1948-49 do not include $22,774.40 derived from sale of confiscated cars and refunds.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$5,519,345.56	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No Stamps issued)	3,407.24	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,718.30	
Total Collected from Liquor		$ 5,592,471.10
Beer and Wine License		198,892.58
Liquor License		989,695.99
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		7,136,661.05
Floor Tax on Wine		67,218.90
Beverage Tags		1,670.00
Penalties		9,008.00
Storage Permits		2.00
Miscellaneous Sales		188.26
Total Receipts		$13,995,837.88

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	7
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	1
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	0
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	0
5.	Transporting liquor	0
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	0
7.	Sale of liquor	1
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	27
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	2
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	4
11.	Operating a lottery	0
	TOTAL	42

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	11
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	10
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	5
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	21
6.	Selling beer and wine without license	0
7.	Sale to minor	3
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	1
9.	Selling liquor without license	6
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	59
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	0
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	14
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	13
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Unauthorized sale of alcoholic beverages	1
16.	Accessory to the fact	6
	Total	150

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

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LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

In January, the State Beverage Department had its most successful month since the founding of the department from the standpoint of enforcement of the state beverage laws.

A record number of illegal moonshine stills, 78, was destroyed by beverage agents. This number was five better than the previous high number of 73 stills seized last June.

These stills had a weekly whiskey production capacity of 14,427 gallons, and if operated for a year would have defrauded state and federal governments of $8,379,778 in liquor taxes.

In addition to the 78 stills, agents destroyed 57,250 gallons of mash and 1,158 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

In all, 21 cars and trucks were confiscated during January.

Reports on hand show that 160 persons were arrested, and that out of 123 cases tried, 121 convictions were obtained, resulting in fines totalling $24,191, and jail sentences amounting to 11 years, seven months and 15 days.

It is noteworthy to mention that of the fines levied, $17,250 were the result of the Flying Squad raid in Hardee County. This large sum, in addition to the $15,000 seized during the raid, will enable that county to reduce its tax rate substantially for the coming year, it is reported.

Largest proportion of the stills was seized by the three sections of the statewide Flying Squad, which operated as a single unit for most of the month.

Statistics just compiled for the calendar year 1949 prove conclusively that never has the enforcement of beverage laws been so effective as during the first full year of the present administration.

Comparative figures for the calendar year of 1948 as opposed to the calendar year of 1949 show that:

In 1948, agents of the Department seized and destroyed 490 illegal whiskey stills.

In 1949, due in large part to the use of mobile, highly-trained flying squads, agents of the Department seized and destroyed 742 stills.

The 490 stills captured in 1948 had a weekly capacity of 94,031 gallons of whiskey which, at current tax rates, would have defrauded the state and federal governments of $54,616,966 a year.

The 742 stills seized in 1949 had a weekly whiskey-making capacity of 141,056 gallons, and were capable of defrauding state and federal governments of $81,930,967 a year.

In 1948, Department agents confiscated 124 autos and trucks.

In 1949, beverage men confiscated 191 autos and trucks.

In 1948, agents of the Department arrested 1,584 persons, while in 1949 agents arrested 2,531 persons.

In 1948, a total of 1,396 beverage cases were tried, and convictions gained in 1,147 cases.

In 1949, the Department brought to trial 1,779 cases, and gained convictions in 1,540 instances.

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PROHIBITION BY EXCESS PRICES HELD POTENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE TO STATE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

(Editor's Note: The following, in letter form was sent to both U. S. Senators and all members of the U. S. House of Representatives from Florida.)

As Director of the Beverage Department of the State of Florida, it is my duty to regulate the alcoholic beverage industry and to enforce state beverage laws.

Statistics kept by the Department over the years prove that as the cost of legal liquors increases, the task of enforcement becomes more and more costly and hazardous. This is because the retail price of tax paid liquor has been pushed beyond the reach of a large segment of the public, thus creating a huge market for cheaper, untaxed liquor.

However little I may wish to do so, I am forced to recognize the fact that the consumer demands alcoholic beverages. Although he is willing to buy them at high prices when he can afford it, he will buy the illicitly produced, non tax paid product when he is confronted with the alternatives of abstinence or excessive prices.

Prohibition by price excesses is potentially as destructive to the legitimate liquor industry and to adequate law enforcement as prohibition by decree.

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BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1950 COLLECTED DURING FEBRUARY 1950

	No. of Gallons and Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer collected in bottles (Pints or less)	23,011,612	$ 690,348.33
Beer in bottles (Quarts)	654,102	39,246.13
Beer in kegs (Gallons)	658,890	158,133.64
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	2,948.90	5,897.80
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	161,057.44	225,480.40
Wine Less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	24,186.30	24,186.30
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,442.13	288.43
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,143,581.03

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS

Excise Taxes

Spirituous Beverage containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 6,403,841.28
Tax on Beer	6,910,331.07
Tax on Wine	1,437,251.50
Tax on Cigarettes	9,540,651.85

License Taxes

Licenses to sell Liquor	994,969.99
Licenses to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	203,496.33
Importers License	30.00
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00

Miscellaneous Taxes

Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	11,741.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$25,582,280.58

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR JANUARY 1950 AND DECEMBER 1949

	Dec. 1949 Gallons	Jan. 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,880,935	2,980,754	99,819	
Natural Sparkling Wine	9,123	2,949		6,174
Wine over 14%	181,693	161,057		20,636
Wine less than 14%	37,324	24,186		13,138
Florida Wine	2,621	1,442		1,179

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR JANUARY 1949 AND JANUARY 1950

	Jan. 1949 Gallons	Jan. 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,677,643	2,980.754	313,113	
Natural Sparkling Wine	3,164	2,949		215
Wine over 14%	167,565	161,057		6,508
Wine less than 14%	25,279	24,186		1,093
Florida Wine	1,198	1,442	244	

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF RECEIPTS

FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Eight Months 1948-49	Eight Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 5,677,692.52	$ 6,403,841.28	$ 726,148.76	$
Tax on Beer	6,959,636.51	6,910,331.07		49,305.44
Tax on Wine	838,716.81	1,437,251.50	598,534.69	
Tax on Cigarettes	8,196,552.53	9,540,651.85	1,344,099.32	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	941,199.21	994,969.99	53,770.78	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	207,644.37	203,496.33		4,148.04
Importers Licenses	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	73,651.00	79,967.00	6,316.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	9,790.48	11,741.56	1,951.08	
TOTALS	$22,904,903.43	$25,582,280.58	$2,730,830.63	$53,453.48
Less Decrease			53,453.48	
Net Increase			$2,677,377.15	
Percentage of Increase		11.69%		

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 811,370.18
Beer and Wine License	4,603.75
Liquor License	5,274.00
Beer and Wine Tax	1,143,702.62
Beverage Tags	85.00
Penalties	631.00
TOTAL	$1,965,666.55

PROHIBITION BY EXCESS PRICES HELD POTENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE TO STATE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY

(Continued from Inside Front Cover)

It is estimated that enforcement of state laws against non tax paid liquor cost this Department between 350,000 and 400,000 man hours during 1949. Agents of the Department seized 742 illegal liquor stills capable of producing 141,056 gallons of illicit whiskey a week in 1949.

In that period of time, state beverage agents arrested 2,531 persons, brought 1,779 cases to trial and obtained 1,540 convictions.

These statistics give some idea of the size of the problem confronting us. Unquestionably, the greatest single aid to enforcement of beverage laws would be the removal of the so-called wartime excise taxes on alcoholic beverages.

As I understand it, the alcoholic beverage industry is not asking for special or preferred treatment, but only that it be given fair and equal treatment along with all other legitimate industries upon which these taxes were placed.

Certainly, removal of the wartime excise taxes from alcoholic beverages would have the effect of curtailing to a great extent the market for illicit, non tax paid whiskey, and would thereby be of great social and ethical benefit to the State of Florida.

It also would tend greatly to simplify the enforcement and regulation problems of this, and other agencies not only of the state, but also of the federal government.

For these reasons, it is my hope that you will give careful consideration to any legislation which would lower the tax burden currently carried by the legitimate alcoholic beverage industries of the nation.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTHS OF

FEBRUARY 1949 AND FEBRUARY 1950

	February 1949	February 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 706,708.05	$ 811,370.18	$104,662.13	$
Beer and Wine License	3,934.58	4,603.75	669.17	
Liquor License	10,131.13	5,274.00		4,857.13
Tax on Beer	805,320.40	887,728.12	82,407.72	
Tax on Wine	133,336.52	255,974.50	122,637.98	
Beverage Tags	86.00	85.00		1.00
Penalties	510.00	631.00	121.00	
TOTALS	$1,660,026.68	$1,965,666.55	$310,498.00	$4,858.13
Less Decrease			4,858.13	
Net Increase			$305,639.87	
Percentage of Increase	18.41%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR

JANUARY 1950 AND FEBRUARY 1950

	January 1950	February 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 816,859.71	$ 811,370.18	$	$ 5,489.53
Beer and Wine License	7,371.25	4,603.75		2,767.50
Liquor License	2,373.50	5,274.00	$ 2,900.50	
Tax on Beer	857,287.38	887,728.12	30,440.74	
Tax on Wine	310,898.07	255,974.50		54,923.57
Beverage Tags	240.00	85.00		155.00
Penalties	1,728.00	631.00		1,117.00
Miscellaneous Sales	30.50			30.50
TOTALS	$1,996,808.41	$1,965,666.55	$33,341.24	$64,483.10
Less Increase				33,341.24
Net Decrease				$31,141.86
Percentage of Decrease	1.56%			

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District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	18	2,720	4,075	44- 2/16	3	$ 335.00	$ 2,919.00
2—Tallahassee	2	115	406	70- 8/16	2	950.00	325.00
3—Jacksonville	24	4,475	24,400	745-10/16	6	3,015.00	12,572.00
4—Ocala	1	500	3,700	71- 8/16	0	0	50.00
5—Orlando	1	50	200	15-15/16	0	0	75.00
6—Tampa	1	50	300	105- 7/16	1	175.00	250.00
7—Sarasota	1	50	150	0	0	0	150.00
8—Miami	3	250	965	166	1	30.00	670.00
TOTAL	51	8,240	34,196	1,219- 3/16	13	$4,505.00	$17,011.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

1 33-H.P. Outboard Motor and Boat; 1,100 lb. Grain; 400 lbs. Charcoal; 80 Gallons Ke

ART — FEBRUARY 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
20	17	17	0	$1,472.75	----	2	----	1	----	2	----	$ 0
15	8	8	0	485.00	6	----	1	1	1	----	1	0
53	30	30	0	1,000	4	7	----	4	----	10	----	0
15	9	9	0	941.51	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	300.00
5	4	4	0	417.88	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
41	13	13	0	1,200.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
7	9	9	0	850.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
4	9	9	0	1,100.00	2	6	1	0	----	----	----	0
160	99	99	0	$7,467.14	13	3	2	6	2	----	1	$300.00

sene; 3,800 lbs. Sugar; 347 Cartons Unstamped Cigarettes.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF FEBRUARY 1949 AND FEBRUARY 1950

RECEIPTS	February 1949	February 1950	Increase	Decrease
Excise Taxes				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 706,708.05	$ 811,370.18	$104,662.13	$
Tax on Beer	805,320.40	887,728.12	82,407.72	
Tax on Wine	133,336.52	255,974.50	122,637.98	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,040,820.25	1,455,608.38	414,788.13	
License Taxes				
License to Sell Liquor	10,131.13	5,274.00		4,857.13
License to Sell Beer, Beer and Wine	3,934.58	4,603.75	669.17	
License to Sell Cigarettes	2,324.00			2,324.00
Miscellaneous Taxes				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	596.00	716.00	120.00	
TOTALS	$2,703,170.93	$3,421,274.93	$725,285.13	$7,181.13
Less Decrease			7,181.13	
Net Increase			$718,104.00	
Percentage of Increase	26.56%			

Collections for February 1949 do not include collections from car sales and refunds.

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

FEBRUARY — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DBW	PS	RT
New Applications, Approved	2	1	3	0	0
New Applications Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	53	2	4	11	2
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
	55	3	7	11	2

TOTAL 78

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

FEBRUARY — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	73	60	38	11
New Applications, Disapproved	1	1	2	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	79	12	80	9
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	1	0
	153	73	121	20

TOTAL 367

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS

OF THE FISCAL YEARS, 1948-49 and 1949-50

	Eight Months 1948-49	Eight Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 5,677,692.52	$ 6,403,841.28	$ 726,148.76	$
Beer and Wine License	207,644.37	203,496.33		4,148.04
Liquor License	941,199.21	994,969.99	53,770.78	
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	6,959,636.51	6,910,331.07		49,305.44
Tax on Wine	838,716.81	1,437,251.50	598,534.69	
Beverage Tags	1,819.00	1,755.00		64.00
Penalties	7,314.00	9,639.00	2,325.00	
Storage Permits	2.00	2.00		
Miscellaneous Sales		188.26	188.26	
Confiscated Liquor	511.75			511.75
TOTALS	$14,634,556.17	$15,961,504.43	$1,380,977.49	$54,029.23
Less Decrease			54,029.23	
Net Increase			$1,326,948.26	
Percentage of Increase		9.07%		

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$6,329,485.68	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No Stamps issued)	4,378.01	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,977.59	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 6,403,841.28
Beer and Wine License		203,496.33
Liquor License		994,969.99
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		8,280,242.08
Floor Tax on Wine		67,340.49
Beverage Tags		1,755.00
Penalties		9,639.00
Storage Permits		2.00
Miscellaneous Sales		188.26
Total Receipts		$15,961,504.43

All collections deposited directly to General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	10
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	6
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	4
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	5
5.	Transporting liquor	3
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	2
7.	Sale of liquor	7
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	37
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	2
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	9
11.	Sale of beer after hours	2
	TOTAL	87

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	7
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	7
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	5
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	12
6.	Selling beer and wine without license	2
7.	Sale to minor	1
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	4
9.	Selling liquor without license	1
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	68
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	6
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	0
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	3
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Unauthorized sale of alcoholic beverages	1
16.	Possession and sale of unstamped cigarettes	1
	TOTAL	118

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TALLAHASSEE

LEWIS M. SCHOTT	DIRECTOR
JOE H. BOWEN	Assistant Director, Enforcement
F. E. HENDERSON	Assistant Director, Administration
W. H. CORBETT	Chief, Beverage Tax Division
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DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

District	*Business Address*
1—Temporarily Vacant	
2—Fred D. Hartsfield	Box 904, Tallahassee
3—W. M. Schumpert	401 Hildebrandt Bldg., Jacksonville
4—C. M. Starry	208 Todd Bldg., Ocala
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6—Temporarily Vacant	
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APRIL, 1950

SCHOTT

STATE GENERAL FUND WILL GET $3,000,000 BONUS, DIRECTOR SAYS

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

(Editor's note: The following letter on collections of beverage taxes was sent to Governor Fuller Warren by Director Schott).

Dear Governor Warren:

Realizing your interest in and concern over the financial affairs of the state, I have had made a new analysis of revenue which will be turned in to the general fund by the State Beverage Department.

This analysis indicates that, during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, the Beverage Department will have collected at least $3,000,000 more than was anticipated at this time last year, when I assured the budget board that state income from the beverage division of this department would total some $20,000,000.

In the first nine months of the present fiscal year, the beverage division has collected and deposited in the state treasury $18,204,310.89.

This is a net increase of $1,558,587.10 over the amount collected in the previous fiscal year, an increase of 9.36 per cent.

If collections for April, May and June, 1950 equal those for the same months in 1949, the Beverage Department will deposit in the general fund $4,958,043.33 during the last three months of this fiscal year, making a 12-month total of $23,162,354.22.

Should we be able to maintain the present percentage of increase in collections, the State Beverage Department's contribution to the general fund will total approximately $23,500,000, a "bonus" of $3,500,000 from this department toward meeting the obligations of the state.

I cannot guarantee that the percentage of increase can be maintained, however. The expenses involved in administering and enforcing the new cigarette tax laws, coming as they did on top of previous budget cuts, have made it necessary to curtail many of the operations of the Beverage Department which are essential to maximum revenue collections.

In spite of this development, I am happy to be able to inform you that this department will make available to the budget board at least $3,000,000 more than possibly could have been foreseen a year ago.

Many factors were involved to various degrees in making possible this increase. Taxes on spirituous liquors and wines were raised by the 1949 legislature. The reorganization of the State Beverage Department, which included cutting 13 beverage districts to eight, aided greatly in stepping up the efficiency of the department. Our intensified enforcement campaign first contained then shoved back the armies of liquor tax evaders who had been growing steadily more powerful and affluent in the years since the war.

The State Beverage Department will continue to spare no effort to bring in to the treasury every cent to which the state is entitled under Florida's beverage statutes.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY COLLECTED IN MARCH 1950

	No. of Gallons and Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer, collected in bottles (Pints or less)	24,265,277	$ 727,958.31
Beer, collected in bottles (Quarts)	648,761	38,925.68
Beer in Kegs (Gallons)	639,882	153,571.62
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	3,283.15	6,566.29
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	149,124.97	208,774.93
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	25,971.46	25,971.46
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,651.25	330.25
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,162,098.54

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS

EXCISE TAXES

Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 7,477,420.70
Tax on Beer	7,831,402.68
Tax on Wine	1,678,278.43
Tax on Cigarettes	11,056,954.83

LICENSE TAXES

License to sell Liquor	997,392.49
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	207,886.33
Importers License	30.00
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	12,057.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$29,341,390.02

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR FEBRUARY 1949 AND FEBRUARY 1950

	Feb. 1949 Gallons	Feb. 1950 Gallons	Gallons Increase	Gallons Decrease
Beer	3,053,911	3,076,942	23,031	
Natural Sparkling Wine	2,953	3,283	330	
Wine over 14%	148,988	149,125	137	
Wine less than 14%	26,962	25,971		991
Florida Wine	1,292	1,651	359	

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR JANUARY 1950 AND FEBRUARY 1950

	Jan. 1950 Gallons	Feb. 1950 Gallons	Gallons Increase	Gallons Decrease
Beer	2,980,754	3,076,942	96,188	
Natural Sparkling Wine	2,949	3,283	334	
Wine over 14%	161,057	149,125		11,932
Less than 14% Wine	24,186	25,971	1,785	
Florida Wine	1,442	1,651	209	

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS

OF THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Nine Months 1948-49	Nine Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 6,621,818.58	$ 7,477,420.70	$ 855,602.12	$
Tax on Beer	7,878,521.89	7,831,402.68		47,119.21
Tax on Wine	964,381.40	1,678,278.43	713,897.03	
Tax on Cigarettes	9,432,870.18	11,056,954.83	1,624,084.65	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	955,300.89	997,392.49	42,091.60	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	215,723.28	207,886.33		7,836.95
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	75,678.00	79,967.00	4,289.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	10,138.48	12,057.56	1,919.08	
TOTALS	$26,154,452.70	$29,341,390.02	$3,241,893.48	$54,956.16
Less Decrease			54,956.16	
Net Increase			$3,186,937.32	
Percentage of Increase		12.18%		

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$1,073,579.42
Beer and Wine License	4,390.00
Liquor License	2,422.50
Beer and Wine Tax	1,162,098.54
Beverage Tags	95.00
Penalties	200.00
Miscellaneous Sales	20.00
Storage Permits	1.00
TOTAL	$2,242,806.46

GOVERNOR WARREN PRAISES RECORD SET BY STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

(Editor's note: The following is a word for word reprint of part of a radio speech given by Governor Fuller Warren).

Diagonally across the street from my office is the City Administration Building, which houses, among other State agencies, the State Beverage Department. In the fields of revenue collection and law enforcement, it has made a brilliant record in the past year. The director of this agency is Lewis M. Schott, an attorney and municipal judge in Daytona Beach until he accepted my invitation to head this important public service.

In 1949—the first year of Mr. Schott's direction—the Beverage Department collected almost 36 million dollars in beverage and cigarette taxes—the exact figure being $35,807,058. This was well over 2 million dollars more than the $33,586,117 collected during 1948.

I do not regard as a coincidence the fact that the Beverage Department, while bringing in this record-breaking revenue for a thirsty State Treasury, also arrested an unprecedented number of producers and vendors of illicit and non-tax-paid liquor.

In 1949 agents of the department destroyed 742 illegal whiskey stills—an average of better than two a day throughout the year. These stills were capable of manufacturing 141,056 gallons of whiskey a week. If this had been sold — and the moonshiners wouldn't have made it if they couldn't sell it—it would have cheated your State government out of $15,916,759 in liquor taxes during the year.

The concentrated drive to enforce the beverage laws, in which Mr .Schott has had the untiring efforts of his assistant, Mr. Joe H. Bowen, also has been beneficial to the people of Florida in many other ways. I know of no State law so overwhelmingly approved by our citizens as that which prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

Children must be protected against unscrupulous bar operators who are willing to tamper with the health, welfare and morals of minors in order to make a sordid and paltry profit. Under this Administration, I can assure you, no effort has been — or will be — spared to bring this practice to a dead stop.

The taxpayers of many of our 67 counties also have good, cash-and-dollar reasons to appreciate the work being done by the Beverage Department. In 1949 department agents arrested 2,531 persons, brought 1,799 cases to trial, and obtained 1,540 convictions. At the same time, they confiscated 191 automobiles and trucks being used for illegal purposes.

The counties in which these law violators were apprehended received $131,534 in assessed fines, plus $67,045 from sales of the confiscated vehicles, thereby lifting the individual county tax burden proportionately.

I believe you will agree that the official statistics I have just cited certainly show the value of the Beverage Department to the people of Florida.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1949 AND MARCH 1950

	March 1949	March 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 944,126.06	$1,073,579.42	$129,453.36	$
Beer and Wine License	8,078.91	4,390.00		3,688.91
Liquor License	14,101.68	2,422.50		11,679.18
Tax on Beer	918,885.38	921,071.61	2,186.23	
Tax on Wine	125,664.59	241,026.93	115,362.34	
Beverage Tags	121.00	95.00		26.00
Penalties	190.00	200.00	10.00	
Storage Permits		1.00	1.00	
Miscellaneous Sales	32.94	20.00		12.94
TOTALS	$2,011,200.56	$2,242,806.46	$247,012.93	$15,407.03
Less Decrease			15,407.03	
Net Increase			$231,605.90	
Percentage of Increase	11.52%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR FEBRUARY 1950 AND MARCH 1950

	Februray 1950	March 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 811,370.18	$1,073,579.42	$262,209.24	$
Beer and Wine License	4,603.75	4,390.00		213.75
Liquor License	5,274.00	2,422.50		2,851.50
Tax on Beer	887,728.12	921,071.61	33,343.49	
Tax on Wine	255,974.50	241,026.93		14,947.57
Beverage Tags	85.00	95.00	10.00	
Penalties	631.00	200.00		431.00
Storage Permits		1.00	1.00	
Miscellaneous Sales		20.00	20.00	
TOTALS	$1,965,666.55	$2,242,806.46	$295,583.73	$18,433.82
Less Decrease			18,433.82	
Net Increase			$277,139.91	
Percentage of Increase	14.10%			

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	17	3,470	4,700	82-12/16	3	$1,460.00	$ 3,770.00
2—Tallahassee	10	1,710	7,120	283- 8/16	3	1,650.00	3,271.66
3—Jacksonville	15	4,250	31,880	1,028- 9/16	7	1,560.00	11,277.00
4—Ocala	3	280	150	100- 6/16	4	1,548.00	2,579.20
5—Orlando	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
6—Tampa	3	700	3,450	10- 8/16	1	100.00	3,525.00
7—Sarasota	3	180	400	0	1	75.00	265.00
8—Miami	7	1,835	8,260	248	3	225.00	5,630.00
TOTAL	58	12,425	55,960	1,765-11/16	22	$6,618.00	$30,317.86

MISCELLANEOUS:

One Gasoline Motor valued at $50.00, 120 Gallons Syrup, 238 Gallons Kerosene, 5,505

HART — MARCH 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
20	22	21	1	$ 1,491.76	----	6	----	1	----	6	----	0
14	14	14	0	1,850.00	8	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
44	35	35	0	3,135.00	6	7	10	1	----	3	----	0
27	7	6	1	991.50	----	1	----	0	----	----	----	0
4	3	3	0	110.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
59	21	21	0	1,300.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
10	17	17	0	4,350.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
17	4	4	0	540.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
195	123	121	2	$13,768.26	15	2	10	2	----	9	----	0

s. Sugar, 4,050 Lbs. Grain, 23 Bags Charcoal.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF MARCH 1949 AND MARCH 1950

	March 1949	March 1950	Increase	Decrease
RECEIPTS				
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 944,126.06	$1,073,579.42	$129,453.36	$
Tax on Beer	918,885.38	921,071.61	2,186.23	
Tax on Wine	125,664.59	241,026.93	115,362.34	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,236,546.65	1,516,302.98	279,756.33	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	14,101.68	2,422.50		11,679.18
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	8,078.91	4,390.00		3,688.91
License to sell Cigarettes	1,835.00			1,835.00
MICELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	343.94	316.00		27.94
TOTALS	$3,249,582.21	$3,759,109.44	$526,758.26	$17,231.03
Less Decrease			17,231.03	
Net Increase			$509,527.23	
Percentage of Increase	15.68%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

MARCH — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DBW	PS
New Applications, Approved	1	1	1	1
New Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	6
Transfer Applications, Approved	43	1	2	8
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0
	44	2	3	15

TOTAL 64

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

MARCH — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	78	29	25	12
New Applications, Disapproved	4	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	73	3	81	5
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	2	0	0	0
	157	32	107	17

TOTAL 313

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Nine Months 1948-49	Nine Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 6,621,818.58	$ 7,477,420.70	$ 855,602.12	$
Beer and Wine License	215,723.28	207,886.33		7,836.95
Liquor License	955,300.89	997,392.49	42,091.60	
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	7,878,521.89	7,831,402.68		47,119.21
Tax on Wine	964,381.40	1,678,278.43	713,897.03	
Beverage Tags	1,940.00	1,850.00		90.00
Penalties	7,504.00	9,839.00	2,335.00	
Storage Permits	2.00	3.00	1.00	
Miscellaneous Sales		208.26	208.26	
Confiscated Liquors	511.75			511.75
TOTALS	$16,645,723.79	$18,204,310.89	$1,614,145.01	$55,557.91
Less Decrease			55,557.91	
Net Increase			$1,558,587.10	
Percentage of Increase	9.36%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$7,402,126.45	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No Stamps issued)	5,316.66	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,977.59	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 7,477,420.70
Beer and Wine License		207,886.33
Liquor License		997,392.49
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		9,442,340.62
Floor Tax on Wine		67,340.49
Beverage Tags		1,850.00
Penalties		9,839.00
Storage Permits		3.00
Miscellaneous Sales		208.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$18,204,310.89

All collections deposited directly to the General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	2
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	9
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	7
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	0
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	5
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	1
7.	Sale of liquor	14
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	22
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	3
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	14
11.	Sale of beer after hours	1
	TOTAL	78

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	6
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	11
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	0
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	16
6.	Selling beer and wine without license	0
7.	Sale to minor	4
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	3
9.	Selling liquor without license	1
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	75
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	0
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	6
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	3
14.	Employing a minor	0
	TOTAL	125

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
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MAY, 1950

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT DISPLAY PROVES HIGHLIGHT OF LIQUOR DEALERS' CONVENTION

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

One of our best weapons in the continuing war against production and sale of illicit, untaxed liquor is the cooperation of the general public, particularly that part of the public which is connected with the legitimate manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

But many persons are inclined to shrug aside the moonshine and bootlegging problem as something that doesn't affect them directly, and therefore is of little or no interest.

I was, therefore, very grateful for the opportunity offered by the Florida Retail Liquor Dealers' Convention better to acquaint the members with the progress we are making against their most dangerous competitors by setting up an exhibit at the convention.

Reaction to the exhibit was most gratifying. The Miami Daily News ran a picture of the display, calling it the "highlight" of the convention. The Miami Herald, also calling our exhibit the "highlight," gave an article about it the leading spot on the front page of the local section.

The Southern States Beverage Journal said our display was "the most striking feature of the convention," and that the exhibit was "what drew the crowds."

Since the convention, I have received numerous letters about the display. I should like to quote from one of these, a letter from Edgar R. Day, executive director of the Distilled Spirits Wholesalers of Florida:

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BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH COLLECTED IN APRIL 1950

	No. of Gallons and Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer collected in bottles (Pints or less)	25,560,031	$ 766,800.93
Beer in bottles (Quarts)	720,258	43,215.48
Beer in kegs (Gallons)	692,400	166,175.93
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	2,556.24	5,112.48
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	174,017.57	243,624.63
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	39,024.08	39,024.08
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,619.52	323.91
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,264,277.44

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 8,223,303.29	
Tax on Beer	8,807,595.02	
Tax on Wine	1,966,526.43	
Tax on Cigarettes	12,360,185.49	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$31,357,610.23
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	998,611.24	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	210,237.58	
Importers License	30.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		$ 1,288,845.82
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		14,963.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$32,661,419.15

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR MARCH 1949 AND MARCH 1950

	March 1949 Gallons	March 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,079,317	3,268,717	189,400	
Natural Sparkling Wine	2,564	2,556		8
Wine over 14%	200,409	174,018		26,391
Wine less than 14%	36,304	39,024	2,720	
Florida Wine	1,953	1,620		333

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR FEBRUARY 1950 AND MARCH 1950

	Feb. 1950 Gallons	March 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,076,942	3,268,717	191,775	
Natural Sparkling Wine	3,283	2,556		727
Wine over 14%	149,125	174,018	24,893	
Wine less than 14%	25,971	39,024	13,053	
Florida Wine	1,651	1,620		31

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS

OF THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Ten Months 1948-49	Ten Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 7,262,216.21	$ 8,223,303.29	$ 961,087.08	$
Tax on Beer	8,808,774.43	8,807,595.02		1,179.41
Tax on Wine	1,125,774.13	1,966,526.43	840,752.30	
Tax on Cigarettes	10,496,843.74	12,360,185.49	1,863,341.75	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	959,863.27	998,611.24	38,747.97	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	217,080.16	210,237.58		6,842.58
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	77,950.00	79,967.00	2,017.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	10,318.48	14,963.10	4,644.62	
TOTALS	$28,958,840.42	$32,661,419.15	$3,710,600.72	$8,021.99
Less Decrease			8,021.99	
Net Increase			$3,702,578.73	
Percentage of Increase	12.79%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 745,882.59
Beer and Wine License	2,351.25
Liquor License	1,218.75
Beer and Wine Tax	1,264,277.44
Floor Tax on Wine	162.90
Beverage Tags	65.00
Penalties	2,165.00
Miscellaneous Sales	225.20
TOTAL	$2,016,348.13

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT DISPLAY PROVES HIGHLIGHT OF LIQUOR DEALERS' CONVENTION

(Continued from Inside Front Cover)

Honorable Lewis M. Schott, Director,
Florida State Beverage Department,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Judge Schott:

The most sincere handshake of congratulations to you for setting up the model liquor still at the annual convention of the Florida State Retail Liquor Dealers' in Miami.

A lasting impression was made on the members of the Florida industry as to just what a moonshine still is, and what moonshine liquor is. How it is made. How easy and what simple equipment is required to threaten the legal industry in Florida was the cause of comment by all delegates.

Retailers, wholesalers and distillery representatives actually saw the conditions under which illicit liquor is manufactured. They saw pictures of actual stills, pictures of raids, pictures of the swamp areas and filthy equipment used. Then—and only then—could our people realize that each member of the legal liquor industry must constantly cooperate with you and your enforcement officers in locating and destroying stills and apprehending the low criminal element of our community who conduct moonshine operations in Florida.

Insufficient is my command of words to express to you my congratulations for your contribution to the success of the convention.

Thank you for helping insure that every member of the Florida industry will cooperate with you and your department in your ever-expanding battle to eliminate moonshine liquor and illicit stills from Florida.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

EDGAR R. DAY

Just as this issue of our monthly report went to press, the May 23 edition of the national picture magazine "LOOK" appeared on the news stands.

In that edition LOOK gives your State Beverage Department a three page picture story of a raid by the Flying Squad on a still near Jacksonville.

A LOOK reporter and photographer accompanied our men and covered all phases of the raid.

Although we made available complete statistics on our operations, the brief text accompanying the pictures is somewhat misleading.

In one place, it states: "The year-around warm weather and large, isolated wooded areas . . . (mean) . . . moonshiners can work relatively unmolested either by weather or prowling 'revenuers'."

In my opinion, the 742 stills we destroyed in 1949 represent a pretty high degree of "molestation."

However, the pictures are fine, and, with their captions, give a graphic and fascinating account of a raid from its planning through destruction of the still and the arrest of its operator. I feel that everyone connected with the liquor industry will be interested in this portrayal in a national magazine of the work being done by the department.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MARCH 1950 AND APRIL 1950

	March 1950	April 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$1,073,579.42	$ 745,882.59	$	$327,696.83
Beer and Wine License	4,390.00	2,351.25		2,038.75
Liquor License	2,422.50	1,218.75		1,203.75
Tax on Beer	921,071.61	976,192.34	55,120.73	
Tax on Wine	241,026.93	288,248.00	47,221.07	
Beverage Tags	95.00	65.00		30.00
Penalties	200.00	2,165.00	1,965.00	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	20.00	225.20	205.20	
TOTALS	$2,242,806.46	$2,016,348.13	$104,512.00	$330,970.33
Less Increase				104,512.00
Net Decrease				$226,458.33

Percentage of Decrease.....10.10%

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1949 AND APRIL 1950

	April 1949	April 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 640,397.65	$ 745,882.59	$105,484.96	$
Beer and Wine License	1,356.88	2,351.25	994.37	
Liquor License	4,562.38	1,218.75		3,343.63
Tax on Beer	930,252.54	976,192.34	45,939.80	
Tax on Wine	161,392.73	288,248.00	126.855.27	
Beverage Tags	66.00	65.00		1.00
Penalties	110.00	2,165.00	2,055.00	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	10.62	225.20	214.58	
TOTALS	$1,738,149.78	$2,016,348.13	$281,543.98	$3,345.63
Less Decrease			3,345.63	
Net Increase			$278,198.35	

Percentage of Increase.....16%

LAW ENFORCEMENT

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	13	3,400	7,100	174-12/16	1	$ 50.00	$ 9,122.00
2—Tallahassee	6	1,180	7,200	109- 3/16	3	515.00	3,731.00
3—Jacksonville	16	4,000	16,925	874- 1/16	4	290.00	9,923.00
4—Ocala	2	1,300	5,850	195- 5/16	3	1,903.00	4,226.50
5—Orlando	2	110	350	2- 2/16	0	----------	272.00
6—Tampa	5	590	1,800	64-11/16	1	750.00	1,250.00
7—Sarasota	3	135	200	5-10/16	0	----------	573.00
8—Miami	9	1,650	7,985	66- 7/16	9	355.00	5,054.00
GRAND TOTAL	56	12,365	47,410	1,492- 3/16	21	$3,863.00	$34,151.50

MISCELLANEOUS:

3,338 lbs. Sugar, 78 Bags Charcoal, 5 Gallons Kerosene, 1 Gasoline Motor Pump Valued

CHART – APRIL 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
35	11	11	0	$ 1,815.39	1	----	1	0	----	----	----	0
30	11	11	0	1,000.00	2	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
37	29	29	0	1,760.00	1	10	----	0	----	----	----	0
20	18	18	0	852.88	2	3	----	1	----	3	----	0
5	10	10	0	711.88	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
36	26	26	0	3,550.00	----	6	----	0	----	----	----	0
13	4	4	0	400.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
24	7	7	0	575.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
200	116	116	0	$10,665.15	7	6	1	1	----	3	----	0

$40.00, 1 Gasoline Motor Pump Valued at $50.00.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF

APRIL 1949 AND APRIL 1950

	April 1949	April 1950	Increase	Decrease
RECEIPTS				
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 640,397.63	$ 745,882.59	$105,484.96	$
Tax on Beer	930,252.54	976,192.34	45,939.80	
Tax on Wine	161,392.73	288,085.10	126,692.37	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,063,973.56	1,303,229.66	239,256.10	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	4,562.38	1,218.75		3,343.63
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	1,356.88	2,351.25	994.37	
License to sell Cigarettes	2,272.00			2,272.00
MICELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	190.62	3,069.44	2,878.82	
TOTALS	$2,804,398.34	$3,320,029.13	$521,246.42	$5,615.63
Less Decrease			5,615.63	
Net Increase			$515,630.79	
Percentage of Increase	18.39%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

APRIL — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DBW	PS	LD
New Applications, Approved	2	3	2	1	2
New Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	41	0	4	17	0
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
	44	3	6	19	2

TOTAL 74

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

APRIL — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	132	37	30	11
New Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	91	13	127	15
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0
	224	50	157	26

TOTAL 457

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Ten Months 1948-49	Ten Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 7,262,216.21	$ 8,223,303.29	$ 961,087.08	$
Beer and Wine License	217,080.16	210,237.58		6,842.58
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Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	8,808,774.43	8,807,595.02		1,179.41
Tax on Wine	1,125,774.13	1,966,526.43	840,752.30	
Beverage Tags	2,006.00	1,915.00		91.00
Penalties	7,614.00	12,004.00	4,390.00	
Storage Permits	3.00	3.00		
Miscellaneous Sales		433.46	433.46	
Confiscated Liquors	511.75			511.75
TOTALS	$18,383,862.95	$20,220,659.02	$1,845,420.81	$8,624.74
Less Decrease			8,624.74	
Net Increase			$1,836,796.07	
Percentage of Increase	9.99%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

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Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		10,706,618.06
Floor Tax on Wine		67,503.39
Beverage Tags		1,915.00
Penalties		12,004.00
Storage Permits		3.00
Miscellaneous Sales		433.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$20,220,659.02

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DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	5
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	5
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	0
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	0
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	6
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	0
7.	Sale of liquor	2
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	44
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	0
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	27
11.	Sale of beer after hours	2
12.	Sale of beer without license	1
	TOTAL	92

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	0
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	5
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	1
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	24
6.	Selling beer and wine without license	0
7.	Sale to minor	0
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	9
9.	Selling liquor without license	1
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	81
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	1
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	1
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	7
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Sale of liquor after hours	1
16.	Resisting arrest	1
	TOTAL	132

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

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Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
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LIQUOR ADMINISTRATORS' NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMING TO FLORIDA

SCHOTT

By

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State Beverage Department

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As we all know, Florida depends to a large extent on its tourist trade for continuing prosperity. One of the major policies of Governor Fuller Warren's administration is to build and maintain a desire on the part of those not fortunate enough to live in Florida at least to visit here.

One of the best ways to get people here in the first place is to give them a legitimate business reason for coming, and in that respect there is nothing so convincing as a good, national convention.

It is, therefore, with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the 17th Annual Conference of State Liquor Administrators will be held in Miami. Although I was most anxious to have the convention in Florida, and did what I could to help bring it here, the decision to make Miami the 1951 convention site was made by the Conference itself. Other Florida cities had their convention bids ably presented, and I hope that the coming Conference is so successful that the members will want to return to Florida for a future convention in one of them.

These conferences are notable not only for the presence of liquor officials from all the "non-monopoly" states in the union, but also for the attendance of important officials from virtually all the national offices of the alcoholic beverage industry.

It is up to us of the State Beverage Department and members of the industry operating in Florida to make this the best conference in history.

This, of course, will require a tremendous amount of planning and thought, as well as the fullest cooperation and coordination of effort.

Details of the convention are even now being determined, and I anticipate that they will be well crystalized during the summer. Although the convention itself will not take place until next April 1-5, I will be called upon to make a complete report to the Conference Executive Committee in November. This means that all groundwork must be laid during the next four months.

Please write me any suggestions you may have which would help us make the convention a success and thus gain new friends for Florida.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL COLLECTED IN MAY 1950

	No. of Gallons or Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer collected in bottles (Pints or less)	21,482,914	$ 644,487.42
Beer in bottles (Quarts)	667,734	40,064.02
Beer in kegs (Gallons)	585,025.45	140,406.10
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	1,554.88	3,109.76
Over 14% Wine ($1.40 per Gallon)	161,185.28	225,659.39
Less 14% Wine ($1.00 per Gallon)	20,265.49	20,265.49
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,118.44	223.68
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,074,215.88

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 8,837,324.19	
Tax on Beer	9,632,552.58	
Tax on Wine	2,215,784.75	
Tax on Cigarettes	13,658,381.44	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$34,344,042.96
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	1,000,375.75	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	212,722.94	
Importers License	30.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		1,293,095.69
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		15,321.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$35,652,459.75

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR APRIL 1949 AND APRIL 1950

	April 1949 Gallons	April 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,897,205	2,765,981		131,224
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,292	1,555	263	
Wine over 14%	142,227	161,185	18,958	
Wine less than 14%	20,834	20,265		569
Florida Wine	1,196	1,119		77

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR MARCH 1950 AND APRIL 1950

	March 1950 Gallons	April 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,268,717	2,765,981		502,736
Natural Sparkling Wine	2,556	1,555		1,001
Wine over 14%	174,018	161,185		12,833
Wine less than 14%	39,024	20,265		18,759
Florida Wine	1,620	1,119		501

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE 1948-49 FISCAL YEAR AND 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

	Eleven Months 1948-49	Eleven Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 7,822,345.32	$ 8,837,324.19	$1,014,978.87	$
Tax on Beer	9,683,153.55	9,632,552.58		50,600.97
Tax on Wine	1,237,261.62	2,215,784.75	978,523.13	
Tax on Cigarettes	11,510,716.88	13,658,381.44	2,147,664.56	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	963,284.11	1,000,375.75	37,091.64	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	220,348.32	212,722.94		7,625.38
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	79,385.00	79,967.00	582.00	
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	10,862.48	15,321.10	4,458.62	
TOTALS	$31,527,377.28	$35,652,459.75	$4,183,308.82	$58,226.35
Less Decrease			58,226.35	
Net Increase			$4,125,082.47	
Percentage of Increase	13.08%			

Receipts for the first eleven months of the 1948-49 fiscal year do not include car sales and refunds.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 614,020.90
Beer and Wine License	2,485.36
Liquor License	1,764.51
Beer and Wine Tax	1,074,215.88
Beverage Tags	78.00
Penalties	280.00
Miscellaneous Sales	None
TOTAL	$1,692,844.65

FLYING SQUAD REACTIVATED TO CLEAN UP BOOKIES IN LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS

There's bad news this month for beverage law violators — particularly those who operate horse books on licensed premises. The statewide Flying Squad, which had been disbanded in an attempt to cut down beverage department expenses, has been called back to duty as a unit by Director Lewis M. Schott.

A little over a year ago the Flying Squad as called away from its war against moonshine whiskey for a concentrated attack against bookmaking in bars. A series of successful raids up and down Florida's "Gold Coast" resulted in Page One headlines in newspapers throughout the state, and many papers gave the Flying Squad credit for an unprecedented drop in the number of horse books operating.

Horse booking in bars was brought to an abrupt halt, and although the Flying Squad later was returned to the battle against bootlegging, bar operators generally heeded Schott's warning to keep bookies off of licensed premises. However, a small minority apparently were unconvinced, and it is against these that the current drive is directed.

Recently Schott held a conference with Attorney General Richard Ervin, who is rigidly enforcing the new wire service law aimed at bookmaking. After the conference, Schott stated flatly that he would revoke the licenses of establishments permitting horse booking on premises.

The director pointed out that he has no direct authority to enforce state laws against gambling as such, but said that where bookmaking could be proved to have taken place on licensed premises he could revoke beverage licenses on charges that the licensees were maintaining nuisances.

The Flying Squad will not confine its efforts to any one area, but will work wherever bookies are operating or are said to be operating, Schott declared.

The beverage director declined to say how many agents he had loose against bookies, but when at full strength the Flying Squad normally totals 35 men, including a number of undercover agents.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR APRIL 1950 AND MAY 1950

	April 1950	May 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 745,882.59	$ 614,020.90		$131,861.69
Beer and Wine License	2,351.25	2,485.36	$134.11	
Liquor License	1,218.75	1,764.51	545.76	
Tax on Beer	976,192.34	824,957.56		151,234.78
Tax on Wine	288,248.00	249,258.32		38,989.68
Beverage Tags	65.00	78.00	13.00	
Penalties	2,165.00	280.00		1,885.00
Storage Permits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Sales	225.20			225.20
TOTALS	$2,016,348.13	$1,692,844.65	$692.87	$324,196.35
Less Increase				692.87
Net Decrease				$323,503.48

Percentage of Decrease 16.04%

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY 1949 AND MAY 1950

	May 1949	May 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 560,129.11	$ 614,020.90	$ 53,891.79	$
Beer and Wine License	3,268.16	2,485.36		782.80
Liquor License	3,420.84	1,764.51		1,656.33
Tax on Beer	874,379.12	824,957.56		49,421.56
Tax on Wine	111,487.49	249,258.32	137,770.83	
Beverage Tags	44.00	78.00	34.00	
Penalties	450.00	280.00		170.00
Miscellaneous Sales	122.92			122.92
TOTALS	$1,553,301.64	$1,692,844.65	$191,696.62	$52,153.61
Less Decrease			52,153.61	
Net Increase			$139,543.01	

Percentage of Increase 8.98%

Collections for May 1949 do not include $1,313.41 which was collected from car sales and refunds.

LAW ENFORCEMEN

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	16	2,400	3,600	57	3	$ 935.00	$ 2,823.00
2—Tallahassee	8	1,440	3,530	269-15/16	6	1,925.00	3,150.00
3—Jacksonville	13	4,400	16,200	422- 5/16	2	285.00	9,154.50
4—Ocala	3	400	1,550	107- 8/16	2	2,189.00	965.50
5—Orlando	3	310	1,000	45	2	1,146.00	786.50
6—Tampa	0	0	0	43- 2/16	4	2,025.00	0
7—Sarasota	1	100	250	1/16	0	0	450.00
8—Miami	3	400	3,125	232-12/16	7	1,205.00	1,850.00
GRAND TOTAL	47	9,450	29,255	1,177- 3/16	26	$9,710.00	$19,179.50

MISCELLANEOUS:

450 lbs. Sugar, 26 bags Charcoal, 300 lbs. Grain, 1 Gasoline Engine, 1 Gasoline Moto

CHART – MAY 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
21	16	13	3	$ 196.71	16	6	7	4	9	----	3	0
28	9	9	0	1,322.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
31	23	23	0	1,520.00	7	7	----	0	----	----	----	0
14	15	15	0	2,123.50	----	9	----	1	----	3	----	0
4	3	3	0	700.00	----	3	----	1	----	3	----	0
41	46	44	2	3,915.00	----	9	----	0	----	----	----	0
4	8	8	0	904.38	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
28	17	17	0	1,418.00	1	6	5	1	1	4	----	0
171	137	132	5	$12,099.59	27	4	12	7	10	10	3	0

Water Pump valued at $25.00.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF

MAY 1949 AND MAY 1950

	May 1949	May 1950	Increase	Decrease
RECEIPTS				
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 560,129.11	$ 614,020.90	$ 53,891.79	$
Tax on Beer	874,379.12	824,957.56		49,421.56
Tax on Wine	111,487.49	249,258.32	137,770.83	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,013,873.14	1,298,195.95	284,322.81	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	3,420.84	1,764.51		1,656.33
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	3,268.16	2,485.36		782.80
License to sell Cigarettes	1,435.00			1,435.00
MICELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	666.92	358.00		308.92
TOTALS	$2,568,659.78	$2,991,040.60	$475,985.43	$53,604.61
Less Decrease			53,604.61	
Net Increase			$422,380.82	
Percentage of Increase	16.44%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

MAY — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DB	DBW	PS	LD
New Applications, Approved	7	0	1	3	4	0
New Applications, Disapproved	5	0	0	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	63	5	2	3	22	1
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	0	0	0
	76	5	3	6	27	1

TOTAL.....118

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

MAY — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	118	50	48	19
New Applications, Disapproved	10	0	4	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	99	13	117	8
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	1	0	2	0
	228	63	171	27

TOTAL.....489

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Eleven Months 1948-49	Eleven Months 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 7,822,345.32	$ 8,837,324.19	$1,014,978.87	$
Beer and Wine License	220,348.32	212,722.94		7,625:38
Liquor License	963,284.11	1,000,375.75	37,091.64	
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	9,683,153.55	9,632,552.58		50,600.97
Tax on Wine	1,237,261.62	2,215,784.75	978,523.13	
Beverage Tags	2,050.00	1,993.00		57.00
Penalties	8,064.00	12,284.00	4,220.00	
Storage Permits	3.00	3.00		
Miscellaneous Sales		433.46	433.46	
Confiscated Liquors	511.75			511.75
TOTALS	$19,937,041.67	$21,913,503.67	$2,035,257.10	$58,795.10
Less Decrease			58,795.10	
Net Increase			$1,976,462.00	
Percentage of Increase	9.91%			

The collections above for 1948-49 do not include $27,489.51 which was derived from sale of confiscated cars and refunds.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$8,759,674.38	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No Stamps issued)	7,672.22	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,977.59	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 8,837,324.19
Beer and Wine License		212,722.94
Liquor License		1,000,375.75
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		11,780,833.94
Floor Tax on Wine		67,503.39
Beverage Tags		1,993.00
Penalties		12,284.00
Storage Permits		3.00
Miscellaneous Sales		433.46
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$21,913,503.67

All collections deposited directly to the General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	1
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	0
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	0
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	0
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	1
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	5
7.	Sale of liquor	1
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	28
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	0
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	18
11.	Sale of beer after hours	1
12.	Sale of beer without license	0
	TOTAL	55

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	4
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	1
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	12
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	0
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	15
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	1
7.	Sale to minor	2
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	1
9.	Selling liquor without license	1
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	86
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	1
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	1
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	5
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Sale of liquor after hours	2
16.	Resisting arrest	2
	TOTAL	135

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

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FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

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JULY, 1950

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS NEARLY $4,000,000 ABOVE ESTIMATE DURING 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

Prior to the beginning of the 1949-1950 fiscal year, I informed Governor Fuller Warren that, when compiling the state budget, he could anticipate a return to the state's general fund from the Beverage Division of the Beverage Department of $20,000,000.

Naturally, I hoped and believed that we would be able to collect somewhat more than this amount, but no good businessman would wish to base his planning for expenditures on the mere hope that, somehow, more money would be available than he was justified in expecting.

The $20,000,000 prediction was $2,000,000 above the $18,000,000 forecast made by the previous administration for the 1948-49 fiscal year.

The 1949-50 fiscal year is now history, and I am happy to say that the Beverage Division of this department has more than made good on my promise.

Instead of $20,000,000, we turned into the general fund $23,838,160, almost $4,000,000 more than we had guaranteed Governor Warren. Without this windfall in tax money, it is safe to say that the schools and the aged and dependent persons who receive state aid would have been in even worse financial straits than they were.

I believe that all employees of the Beverage Department can take justifiable pride in their part in setting this new record. This is all the more true when it is realized that we were working under a great financial handicap ourselves. On several occasions we were forced to release or give payless "leaves of absence" to valuable members of the department simply because we did not have the money to pay salaries and expenses. If this had not been the case, we certainly would have gone past the $24,000,000 mark.

Despite this, however, we have completed the best fiscal year in the history of the State Beverage Department. It now is up to us to work together to make the 1950-51 fiscal year an even more successful one.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY COLLECTED IN JUNE 1950

	No. of Gallons or Bottles	Amount Collected
Beer, Collected in Bottles (Pints or Less)	26,690,828	$ 800,724.85
Beer in Bottles (Quarts)	853,937	51,236.22
Beer in Kegs (Gallons)	687,491.62	164,997.99
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	1,414.39	2,828.78
Wine Over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	116,907.59	163,670.67
Wine Less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	13,712.82	13,712.82
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,214.55	242.91
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,197,414.24

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE 1949-50 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 9,560,666.52	
Tax on Beer	10,649,749.74	
Tax on Wine	2,396,001.83	
Tax on Cigarettes	15,099,661.98	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$37,706,080.07
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	$ 1,001,239.25	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	214,569.26	
Importers License	30.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		$ 1,295,805.51
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		16,512.03
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$39,018,397.61

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR MAY 1949 AND MAY 1950

	May 1949 Gallons	May 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,919,893	3,403,241	483,348	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,234	1,414	180	
Wine Over 14%	136,019	116,908		19,111
Wine Less than 14%	15,026	13,713		1,313
Florida Wine	707	1,215	508	

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR APRIL 1950 AND MAY 1950

	April 1950 Gallons	May 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,765,981	3,403,241	637,260	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,555	1,414		141
Wine Over 14%	161,185	116,908		45,277
Wine Less than 14%	20,265	13,713		6,552
Florida Wine	1,119	1,215	96	

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE 1948-49 AND 1949-50 FISCAL YEARS

	1948-49	1949-50	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 8,495,150.27	$ 9,560,666.52	$1,065,516.25	
Tax on Beer	10,563,469.55	10,649,749.74	86,280.19	
Tax on Wine	1,341,363.36	2,396,001.83	1,054,638.47	
Tax on Cigarettes	12,518,433.99	15,099,661.98	2,581,227.99	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	966,352.02	1,001,239.25	34,887.23	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	221,505.47	214,569.26		6,936.21
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
License to sell Cigarettes	80,470.00	79,967.00		503.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Beverage Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	11,757.30	16,512.03	4,754.73	
TOTALS	$34,198,521.96	$39,018,397.61	$4,827,314.86	$7,439.21
Less Decrease			7,439.21	
Net Increase			$4,819,875.65	
Percentage of Increease	14.09%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$ 723,342.33
Beer and Wine License	1,846.32
Liquor License	863.50
Beer and Wine Tax	1,197,414.24
Beverage Tags	98.00
Penalties	980.00
Miscellaneous Sales	31.50
Confiscated Liquor	81.43
TOTAL	$1,924,657.32

STATE NABS SCORES HERE IN NUMBERS RING RAIDS

Four Taverns Outside City Yield Victims

Beach Bar Among Places Hit; Prisoners, Cash in County Jail

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following article was staff written for the Jacksonville, Florida TIMES-UNION, and appeared in the Sunday, July 2, paper. A TIMES-UNION reporter and photographer accompanied the Flying Squad on its raid against Duval County bolita racket headquarters. Thanks are due the TIMES-UNION, Reporter Steve Flynn and Photographer Art Ferris for their graphic and accurate coverage of one of the most successful Flying Squad raids in recent months).*

By STEVE FLYNN

Striking with lightning-like rapidity, the Flying Squad of the State Beverage Department swooped down on four taverns and smashed what the agents described as a gigantic bolita ring here yesterday.

The raiders confiscated thousands of bolita and Cuba tickets, seized thousands of dollars in cash and turned scores of persons over to the Sheriff's Department on gambling charges.

The establishments raided were the Havana Nite Club on corner of Avenue B and Forty-fifth Street; Kite's Bar in Jacksonville Beach, and Mac's Bar and Package Store on corner of Edgewood Avenue and Moncrief Road. The raiders "stumbled on'" another alleged bolita hang-out in a small tavern across the street from the Havana Nite Club.

There was little or no violence in the raid, and the frequenters of the four raided places surrendered without resistance. One Beverage Department man fired a shot at a man believed to be fleeing the scene at the Avenue B spot. He reported that the fugitive had apparently dropped a bag into the bushes in a vacant lot nearby. The fugitive stopped and surrendered after the raider fired a shot over his head.

Follows Governor's Orders

Bowen, chief enforcement officer of the department, said that his department can only make gambling raids on places licensed to sell beverages. He said that the raids were part of the departments authority to inspect licensed establishments at any time. He added that the policy slips, the cash and the frequenters of the establishments were turned over to the Sheriff's Department for prosecution purposes.

The Havana Nite Club, Bowen said, was apparently a major "drop" for policy slips and cash from illegal traffic. He said he had reason to believe it was part of the KY syndicate, which he termed "supposedly the largest bolita outfit in the South." Bowen said the organization is believed to cover nine North Florida counties.

"This group of raids is a result of the anti-gambling policy of the governor and the director of the State Beverage Department," Bowen said. "We are only entitled to enter places where beverages are sold. We are trying to enforce th gambling laws in beverage spots as per our instructions from the governor and our department director."

The director of the State Beverage Department, Lewis M. Schott, was on the scene at the Havana Nite Club. He inspected the haul of the raiders and conferred with Bowen.

The raids had been in the planning stage for several weeks, beverage department men revealed. Undercover men were sent into the county to scout licensed liquor establishments, and the raids were made on the basis of their findings.

Secret Rendezvous

Apparently the raids were conducted with all the precision and secrecy surrounding a wartime troop movement. Beverage Department men from Tampa, Orlando, Pensacola, Miami,

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BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR MAY 1950 AND JUNE 1950

	May 1950	June 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 614,020.90	$ 723,342.33	$109,321.43	
Beer and Wine License	2,485.36	1,846.32		639.04
Liquor License	1,764.51	863.50		901.01
Tax on Beer	824,957.56	1,017,197.16	192,239.60	
Tax on Wine	249,258.32	180,217.08		69,041.24
Beverage Tags	78.00	98.00	20.00	
Penalties	280.00	980.00	700.00	
Storage Permits				
Miscellaneous Sales		31.50	31.50	
Confiscated Liquor		81.43	81.43	
TOTALS	$1,692,844.65	$1,924,657.32	$302,393.96	$70,581.29
Less Decrease			70,581.29	
Net Increase			$231,812.67	
Percentage of Decrease	13.69%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1949 AND JUNE 1950

	June 1949	June 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 672,804.95	$ 723,342.33	$ 50,537.38	$
Beer and Wine License	1,157.15	1,846.32	689.17	
Liquor License	3,067.91	863.50		2,204.41
Tax on Beer	880,316.00	1,017,197.16	136,881.16	
Tax on Wine	104,101.74	180,217.08	76,115.34	
Beverage Tags	72.00	98.00	26.00	
Penalties	772.50	980.00	207.50	
Storage Permits				
Miscellaneous Sales	2.60	31.50	28.90	
Confiscated Liquor		81.43	81.43	
TOTALS	$1,662,294.85	$1,924,657.32	$264,566.88	$2,204.41
Less Decrease			2,204.41	
Net Increase			$262,362.47	
Percentage of Increase	15.78%			

LAW ENFORCEMEN

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	5	900	970	48-10/16	2	$ 725.00	$ 690.00
2—Tallahassee	9	1,385	6,100	138-12/16	5	795.00	5,265.00
3—Jacksonville	8	2,350	8,000	611-12/16	1	35.00	5,095.00
4—Ocala	3	715	3,500	89- 9/16	6	1,092.00	1,681.00
5—Orlando	0	------	------	11-13/16	0	------	------
6—Tampa	5	1,050	8,900	153- 1/16	1	50.00	6,419.00
7—Sarasota	3	500	350	3- 1/16	1	275.00	910.00
8—Miami	4	700	2,460	31- 4/16	1	50.00	1,550.00
TOTAL	37	7,600	30,280	1,087-14/16	17	$3,022.00	$21,610.00
FLYING SQUAD							
Section "A"	1	100	--------	5-11/16	1	$ 125.00	$ 116.00
Section "B"	10	1,600	1,950	45-11/16	1	100.00	2,279.00
Section "C"	8	4,650	26,275	262- 8/16	1	25.00	11,364.00
TOTAL	19	6,350	28,225	313-14/16	3	$ 250.00	$13,759.00
GRAND TOTAL	56	13,950	58,505	1,401-12/16	20	$3,272.00	$35,369.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

2,785 lbs. Sugar, 1,300 lbs. Charcoal, 300 gallons Kerosene, 1 Ford Tractor (no val

CHART – JUNE 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
15	24	22	2	$ 2,595.79	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	$ 0
24	24	24	0	3,517.10	----	2	----	1	----	2	----	$ 0
36	26	26	0	1,600.00	----	11	----	3	----	9	----	100.00
17	18	18	0	2,393.88	----	3	----	1	----	3	----	0
6	6	6	0	307.63	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
22	23	23	0	1,194.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
8	3	3	0	150.00	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
9	8	7	1	545.45	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
137	132	129	3	$12,303.85	1	4	----	5	1	2	----	$100.00
9	0	0	0	0	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
20	2	2	0	150.00	----	6	----	1	----	6	----	0
0	0	0	0	0	----	----	----	0	----	----	----	0
29	2	2	0	$ 150.00	----	6	----	1	----	6	----	0
166	134	131	3	$12,453.85	1	10	----	6	1	8	----	$100.00

, 1 Chevrolet Motor valued at $50.00.

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF

JUNE 1949 AND JUNE 1950

	June 1949	June 1950	Increase	Decrease
RECEIPTS				
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 672,804.95	$ 723,342.33	$ 50,537.38	
Tax on Beer	880,316.00	1,017,197.16	136,881.16	
Tax on Wine	104,101.74	180,217.08	76,115.34	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,007,717.11	1,441,280.54	433,563.43	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	1,157.15	1,846.32	689.17	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	3,067.91	863.50		2,204.41
License to sell Cigarettes	1,085.00			1,085.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	897.42	1,190.93	293.51	
TOTALS	$2,671,147.28	$3,365,937.86	$698,079.99	$3,289.41
Less Decrease			3,289.41	
Net Increase			$694,790.58	
Percentage of Increase	26.01%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

JUNE — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DBW	PS	MB	MWC
New Applications, Approved	3	2	1	0	0	1
New Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	41	3	2	7	1	0
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	1	0	0	0	0	0
	46	5	3	7	1	1

TOTAL 63

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

JUNE — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	96	36	29	31
New Applications, Disapproved	2	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	92	3	106	7
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0
	190	39	135	38

TOTAL 402

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1948-49 AND 1949-50

	Fiscal Year 1948-49	Fiscal Year 1949-50	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 8,495,150.27	$ 9,560,666.52	$1,065,516.25	$
Beer and Wine License	221,505.47	214,569.26		6,936.21
Liquor License	966,352.02	1,001,239.25	34,887.23	
Importers License	20.00	30.00	10.00	
Tax on Beer	10,563,469.55	10,649,749.74	86,280.19	
Tax on Wine	1,341,363.36	2,396,001.83	1,054,638.47	
Beverage Tags	2,122.00	2,091.00		31.00
Penalties	8,836.50	13,264.00	4,427.50	
Storage Permits	3.00	3.00		
Miscellaneous Sales		464.96	464.96	
Confiscated Liquors	511.75			430.32
TOTALS	$21,599,333.92	$23,838,160.99	$2,246,224.60	$7,397.53
Less Decrease			7,397.53	
Net Increase			$2,238,827.07	
Percentage of Increase	10.36%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1949 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1950

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of stamps	$9,481,951.64	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No Stamps issued)	8,737.29	
Floor Tax on Liquor	69,977.59	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 9,560,666.52
Beer and Wine License		214,569.26
Liquor License		1,001,239.25
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		12,978,248.18
Floor Tax on Wine		67,503.39
Beverage Tags		2,091.00
Penalties		13,264.00
Storage Permits		3.00
Miscellaneous Sales		464.96
Confiscated Liquor		81.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$23,838,160.99

All collections deposited directly to the General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	1
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	9
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	0
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	1
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	3
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	2
7.	Sale of liquor	12
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	17
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	0
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	18
11.	Sale of beer after hours	1
12.	Sale of beer without license	1
13.	Minor working in beer establishment	1
	TOTAL	66

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	11
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	1
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	7
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	10
6.	Selling Beer and Wine without a license	1
7.	Sale to minor	3
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	2
9.	Selling liquor without license	9
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	60
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	2
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	10
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	2
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Sale of liquor after hours	2
16.	Resisting arrest	1
	TOTAL	121

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL

FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TALLAHASSEE

LEWIS M. SCHOTT	DIRECTOR
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District	*Business Address*
1—J. S. Shirey, Acting	Box 365, Pensacola
2—Fred D. Hartsfield	Box 904, Tallahassee
3—W. M. Schumpert	401 Hildebrandt Bldg., Jacksonville
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State Nabs Scores Here In Numbers Ring Raids

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Sarasota, Tallahassee, Ocala and other points were quietly ordered to report to Lake City yesterday morning. They were rejoined by undercover men, and, in 13 radio-equipped cars, some 50 Beverage Department employees left the rendezvous point before noon.

The raiders struck in the midst of a driving, blinding thunderstorm. They took the Havana Nite Club completely by surprise, for one agent reported that a bolita operator apparently mistook him for a pick-up man when he entered the club.

Beverage Department men said that the raids were timed so that the policy runners coming to make their week-end reports and to hand in their collected money could be nabbed. Long after the raiders had struck, policy runners were walking unwittingly into a trap with bags of money and policy slips.

The cash and policy slips confiscated in the raids were checked and turned over to sheriff's deputies. At Mac's Bar and Package Store, a deputy sheriff at first refused to take custody of the policy slips and cash, but he later changed his mind after consultation by telephone with superiors.

Later, Beverage Department sources revealed that they broke down a door on the licensed premises at the Havana Nite Club and found two console-type slot machines, valued at $1,000 each, as well as crap tables, gambling tables and other gaming paraphenalia. These were also turned over to the Sheriff's Department.

Commenting on the raids, Sheriff Rex Sweat said that his department stands ready at all times to cooperate fully with any other law enforcement agency. He said he had no further comment.

Gene Griffin, chief criminal deputy in the Sheriff's Department, said later that the money and gaming equipment were sealed and stored by the Sheriff's Department when handed over by the raiders.

At the County Jail, the arrested persons were being booked as rapidly as they arrived in van-loads from the raid scenes. An attorney, M. H. Myerson, arrived soon after the booking of prisoners began. He immediately began furnishing bond for arrested persons.

Shortly before 6 P. M. a total of 55 persons had been booked on gambling charges. Each was booked in $100 bond, for appearance before Judge Edwin L. Jones in Duval County Criminal Court of Record later.

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AUGUST, 1950

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT INCOME INCREASES COSTS OF COLLECTION SHOW DECREASE

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

One of the best ways to judge the efficiency of any business is its actual cost of operation against its income. That is just as true of a tax collection agency of the state as it is of private industry.

By that criterion, the administration and enforcement of state beverage laws and regulations is becoming increasingly efficient.

During the 1948-49 fiscal year, the Beverage Department spent $994,237.54, while collecting a grand total of $34,198,521.96.

During the 1949-50 fiscal year — the first full fiscal year of the present administration—the State Beverage Department spent $912,582.52 while collecting a grand total of $39,018,397.51.

Thus in the 1948-49 fiscal year the department spent 2.91% of its total collections, while in 1949-50 it spent 2.34% of its total collections.

In other words, the department spent $81,655.02 less in the 1949-50 fiscal year than in 1948-49, while collecting $4,819,875.65 more than in the previous fiscal year.

A very large percentage of the increase in collections can be attributed to higher taxes on liquor, wine and cigarettes. The regular session of the 1949 legislature raised the tax on liquor by 25 cents a gallon and doubled taxes on wines, while the special session raised the cigarette tax a cent a package.

Financial troubles handicapped the department during the entire fiscal year, and at times forced us to curtail some of our most important activities. The fact that we set these records in spite of this is something of which every member of the department can be proud.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE COLLECTED IN JULY 1950

	No. of Gallons or Bottles	Collected
Beer, collected in Bottles (Pints or Less)	27,216,934	$ 816,508.03
Beer in Bottles (Quarts)	825,175	49,510.50
Beer and Kegs (Gallons)	673,616.50	161,667.96
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	1,440.22	2,880.46
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	85,895.66	120,253.96
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	15,010.76	15,010.76
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,186.50	237.30
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,166,068.97
Money collected in June 1950 but deposited after July 1, 1950		16,000.00
NET DEPOSITED		$1,150,068.97

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 960,239.99	
Tax on Beer	1,011,686.49	
Tax on Wine	138,382.48	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,242,737.04	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$3,353,046.00
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	$ 775.00	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	1,384.42	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		$ 2,159.42
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		314.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$3,355,519.42

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR JUNE 1949 AND JUNE 1950

	June 1949 Gallons	June 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	2,850,534	3,431,498	580,964	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,305	1,440	135	
Wine over 14%	122,788	85,896		36,892
Wine less than 14%	11,897	15,011	3,114	
Florida Wine	2,449	1,186		1,263

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR MAY 1950 AND JUNE 1950

	May 1950 Gallons	June 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,403,241	3,431,498	28,257	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,414	1,440	26	
Wine over 14%	116,908	85,896		31,012
Wine less than 14%	13,713	15,011	1,298	
Florida Wine	1,215	1,186		29

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

JULY — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DBW	PS	LD
New Applications, Approved	2	0	1	0	0
New Applications, Disapproved	0	1	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	54	1	10	20	1
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
	56	2	11	21	1

TOTAL..... 91

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

JULY — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	85	36	40	11
New Applications, Disapproved	4	0	3	1
Transfer Applications, Approved	100	9	129	10
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	1	0
	189	45	173	22

TOTAL.....429

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST MONTH

OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1950 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

Collected from sale of Stamps	$959,686.38	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No stamps issued)	553.61	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 960,239.99
Beer and Wine License		1,384.42
Liquor License		775.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		1,150,068.97
Beverage Tags		29.00
Penalties		235.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$2,112,732.38

All collections deposited directly to General Revenue Fund.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Car Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	7	442	600	51½	2	$1,450.00	$ 830.00
2—Tallahassee	7	2,450	5,625	132½	4	3,275.00	7,466.00
3—Jacksonville	6	2,400	6,050	92	4	375.00	3,430.00
4—Ocala	1	600	3,500	78	3	540.00	3,688.00
5—Orlando	0	--------	--------	5½	0	0	0
6—Tampa	0	--------	--------	25	1	200.00	150.00
7—Sarasota	3	150	100	0	0	0	290.00
8—Miami	5	1,290	2,550	32½	2	1,100.00	2,100.00
FLYING SQUAD							
Section "A"	8	1,850	1,750	125	0	0	2,534.00
Section "B"	7	1,000	1,300	0	2	850.00	1,350.00
Section "C"	2	400	950	0	0	0	920.00
GRAND TOTAL	46	10,582	22,425	542	18	$7,790.00	$22,758.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

1500 lbs. Sugar; 250 lbs. Charcoal; 40 Gallons Kerosene; 100 lbs. Cracked Corn.

CHART – JULY 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
8	5	5	0	$ 334.07	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	9	9	0	800.00	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	$100.00
39	29	29	0	1,955.00	3	5	2	3	0	3	0	0
11	2	2	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	2	0	143.00	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	2	0	50,00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	3	3	0	350.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	7	7	0	615.00	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	4	4	0	400.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	5	5	0	2,916.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
112	68	68	0	$7,613.77	9	9	3	4	0	3	0	$100.00

HIGHLY IMPORTANT RULING

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a reprint of a column by JOHN KEIGH, which appeared in the TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT Sunday, August 6. MR. KEIGH, whose column appears daily in the TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT, has earned the reputation of being one of the most astute policital columnists writing today. Special premission was given by the DEMOCRAT to reprint MR. KEIGH'S column.)

RAIDERS — An opinion handed down by Attorney General Richard Ervin the other day has a whole lot more significance—backwards and forwards—than appeared on the surface.

The opinion held, in effect that state beverage men can enter any licensed liquor premises without warrants under their authority to inspect such premises. It went on to hold that having so entered they can break in any door that is not opened to them and that they can, under the authority shared by all citizens, make arrests for any crime they see being committed. They can even make arrests when a crime has been committed and they have reason to believe and do believe that the person arrested committed it.

This clears up a lot.

BOLITA—Specifically in point was the raid on bolita joints fringing Jacksonville.

On July 1, some 50 or 60 beverage men in a dozen or so automobiles came in at all the doors of one big, one medium and a couple of smaller bolita check-in stations.

They found dozens of persons, white and Negro, inside. They found money stacked on tables and in boxes and bags. They found in plain sight and in immediate use, thousands of bolita and "Cuba end" tickets validated with rubber stamping on the back giving various dates, some current and some in the future.

This was evidence sufficient to convince any reasonable man that a felony had been and was being committed by the persons in the back room of the "Havana Nite Club" when the state men entered. It convinced this reporter who was present—not just beyond any reasonable doubt but beyond any doubt whatsoever. In short the operators of a lottery were caught red-handed in the act.

The plainly visible evidence was there when the Duval county deputy sheriffs arrived—and so were the persons found in the room in the act of using the equipment and paraphernalia in the conduct of a lottery.

BREAKING—Two rooms were adjacent to the lottery room, separated only by a hall-way. One of these rooms contained about a ton of the same sort of supplies, including packing cases of unvalidated but printed, "Cuba End" tickets, as was found in use in the big room. There were also two slot machines in that room.

The other room seemed to have been entered by force. A big splinter from the door was on the floor of that room when this writer went into it. Inside was identification of a person apparently using it, and such an assortment of brand new men's suits, shoes, hats, watches and eyeglasses that it would convince any reasonable person beyond a reasonable doublt that it could hardly be the collection of any person other than a fence for shoplifters and perhaps pick-pockets.

FUTURE—As to the future, this opinion has a highly significant effect. It means that state beverage men need not be stopped by locked doors in their investigation of licensed premises—as in the past. It means that they can embark on a new career of vigorous and effective support of Governor Warren's announced policies and declarations of purpose—to take care that the laws—against gambling—be faithfully executed.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR JUNE 1950 AND JULY 1950

	June 1950	July 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 723,342.33	$ 960,239.99	$236,897.66	$
Beer and Wine License	1,846.32	1,384.42		461.90
Liquor License	863.50	775.00		88.50
Tax on Beer	1,017,197.16	1,011,686.49		5,510.67
Tax on Wine	180,217.08	138,382.48		41,834.60
Beverage Tags	98.00	29.00		69.00
Penalties	980.00	235.00		745.00
Miscellaneous Sales	31.50			31.50
Confiscated Liquors	81.43			81.43
TOTALS	$1,924,657.32	$2,112,732.38	$236,897.66	$48,822.60
Less Decrease			48,822.60	
Net Increase			$188,075.06	
Percentage of Increase	9.77%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR JULY 1949 AND JULY 1950

	July 1949	July 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 357,656.13	960,239.99	$602,583.86	$
Floor tax on Liquor	69,681.59			69,681.59
Beer and Wine License	916.91	1,384.42	467.51	
Liquor License	225.00	775.00	550.00	
Tax on Beer	864,975.27	1,011,686.49	146,711.22	
Tax on Wine	93,702.41	138,382.48	44,680.07	
Beverage Tags	15.00	29.00	14.00	
Penalties	2,191.50	235.00		1,956.50
Miscellaneous Sales	68.22			68.22
TOTALS	$1,389,432.03	$2,112,732.38	$795,006.66	$71,706.31
Less Decrease			71,706.31	
Net Increase			$723,300.35	
Percentage of Increase	52.06%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE 1949-50 AND 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

	July 1949-50	July 1950-51	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 427,337.72	$ 960,239.99	$ 532,902.27	$
Tax on Beer	864,975.27	1,011,686.49	146,711.22	
Tax on Wine	93,702.41	138,382.48	44,680.07	
Tax on Cigarettes	905,071.87	1,242,737.04	337,665.17	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	225.00	775.00	550.00	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	916.91	1,384.42	467.51	
License to sell Cigarettes	48,991.00			48,991.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Beverage Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	2,277.13	314.00		1,963.13
TOTALS	$2,343,497.31	$3,355,519.42	$1,062,976.24	$50,954.13
Less Decrease			50,954.13	
Net Increase			1,012,022.11	
Percentage of Increase	43.18%			

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

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FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

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District	*Business Address*
1—J. S. Shirey, Acting	Box 365, Pensacola
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5—A. A. Hazen	Box 301, Orlando
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7—H. V. Miller	Box 1154, Sarasota
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ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	0
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	3
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	1
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	19
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	3
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	3
7.	Sale of liquor	1
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	0
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	0
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	6
11.	Sale of beer after hours	0
12.	Sale of beer without license	0
13.	Minor working in beer establishment	0
14.	Interferring with an officer	3
	TOTAL	29

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	1
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	4
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	5
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	2
6.	Selling Beer and Wine without a license	4
7.	Sale to minor	4
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	1
9.	Selling liquor without a license	1
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	47
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	3
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	5
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	4
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Sale of liquor after hours	0
16.	Resisting arrest	0
	TOTAL	81

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OCTOBER, 1950

LIQUOR SURVEY TO SHOW BEVERAGE INDUSTRY'S PART IN STATE ECONOMY

SCHOTT

By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

Ever since the repeal of prohibition, the legal liquor industry has been an integral part of the national economy. This has been proved by the expansion not only of the liquor industry itself, but of proved subsidiary industries, such as cooperage and bottle manufacture.

Until recently, however, no one has been able to say exactly how much the industry contributes, directly and indirectly, to the welfare of the individual states.

Of course, we in Florida keep a careful record of taxes collected. We know to the last dollar how much the industry directly contributes to the upkeep of schools, old age pensions and other responsibilities of state government.

But there has been no way to prove to, say, insurance underwriters, how much the beverage industry in Florida pays in insurance premiums a year. Or how much the families of people employed by the beverage industry of Florida spend on shoes each year.

Those things are important. Much of the unthinking objection by some people could be eliminated if the economic facts of the industry were made available to the public, and to business leaders.

A great step toward compiling this information now is being taken, and if every person connected with the beverage industry lends his cooperation the true facts will be known.

A highly confidential, strictly secret survey is underway to find out just how much the industry in Florida contributes to the economy of the state. Your State Beverage Department is helping by sending copies of the following letter to every licensed liquor retailer in the state:

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BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST COLLECTED IN SEPTEMBER 1950

	No. of Gallons or Bottles	Collected
Beer Collected in Bottles (Pints or Less)	27,420,299	$ 822,609.01
Beer in Bottles (Quarts)	827,979	49,678.74
Beer in Kegs (Gals.)	683,400	164,016.00
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gals.)	1,669.41	3,338.82
Wine over 14% ($1.40 per Gal.)	95,130.95	133,183.35
Wine less than 14% ($1.00 per Gal.)	18,367.30	18,367.30
Florida Wine (20c per Gal.)	753.40	150.68
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,191,343.90

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$2,514,332.40	
Tax on Beer	3,033,085.59	
Tax on Wine	434,591.42	
Tax on Cigarettes	3,819,098.04	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$9,801,107.45
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	$ 2,624.62	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	4,102.02	
Importers License	10.00	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		$ 6,736.64
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		$ 1,163.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$9,809,007.20

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR AUGUST 1949 & AUGUST 1950

	August 1949 Gallons	August 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,004,792	3,461,048	456,256	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,512	1,669	157	
Wine over 14%	116,396	95,131		21,265
Wine less than 14%	12,090	18,367	6,277	
Florida Wine	2,060	753		1,307

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR JULY 1950 & AUGUST 1950

	July 1950 Gallons	August 1950 Gallons	Increase Gallons	Decrease Gallons
Beer	3,229,480	3,461,048	231,568	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,322	1,669	347	
Wine over 14%	89,109	95,131	6,022	
Wine less than 14%	17,068	18,367	1,229	
Florida Wine	975	753		222

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE 1949-50 & 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

	Three Months 1949-50	Three Months 1950-51	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$1,721,877.00	$2,514,332.40	$ 792,455.40	$
Tax on Beer	2,680,378.60	3,033,085.59	352,706.99	
Tax on Wine	278,620.87	434,591.42	155,970.55	
Tax on Cigarettes	2,816,041.92	3,819,098.04	1,003,056.12	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	4,972.46	2,624.62		2,347.84
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	4,449.57	4,102.02		347.55
Importers License	30.00	10.00		20.00
License to sell Cigarettes	74,591.00			74,591.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	4,167.19	1,163.11		3,004.08
TOTALS	$7,585,128.61	$9,809,007.20	$2,304,189.06	$80,310.47
Less Decrease			80,310.47	
Net Increase			$2,223,878.59	
Percentage of Increase	29.32%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1950

Collected from sale of Liquor	$ 599,243.44
Beer and Wine License	1,622.56
Liquor License	321.75
Beer and Wine Tax	1,191,343.90
Beverage Tags	44.00
Penalties	790.00
Miscellaneous Sales	6.61
TOTAL	$1,793,372.26

LIQUOR SURVEY TO SHOW BEVERAGE INDUSTRY'S PART IN STATE'S ECONOMY

(Continued from Inside Front Cover)

"Dear Mr. Retailer:

"The Distilled Spirits Wholesalers of Florida are sponsoring an economic survey which will pertain to the activities of the legal liquor industry in Florida.

"The information collected by this survey from wholesalers, retailers, employees of both and other liquor industry people will show the extent of economic contributions made by the liquor industry to the State and its local governments, to other industries in the State, and to the people themselves.

"It is my belief that a survey of this type is a wise thing.

"It will make public the facts concerning the role which the liquor industry plays in our over-all economy.

"A large majority of the people of Florida approve the legal sale of liquor under careful state and local supervision, because they know that it is preferable to moonshining and other illicit activities which come with prohibition. It is fitting, therefore, that the people of the State should know something of the contributions and obligations of the legal liquor industry.

"I urge every retailer to take an active part in this survey by furnishing the information which will be requested of you during the course of the survey.

"Your cooperation is needed and will prove of material help to you and to every other member of the legal liquor industry.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

Lewis M. Schott,
Director."

This is one of the most important public relations jobs ever undertaken by the industry in Florida. I am looking forward with great interest to the results it will show.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR AUGUST 1950 & SEPTEMBER 1950

	August 1950	Sept. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 954,848.97	$ 599,243.44	$	$355,605.53
Beer and Wine License	1,095.04	1,622.56	527,52	
Liquor License	1,527.87	321.75		1,206.12
Importers License	10.00			10.00
Tax on Beer	981,605.24	1,039,793.86	58,188.62	
Tax on Wine	144,658.90	151,550.04	6,891.14	
Beverage Tags	8.00	44.00	36.00	
Penalties		790.00	790.00	
Miscellaneous Sales		6.61	6.61	
TOTALS	$2,083,754.02	$1,793,372.26	$66,439.89	$356,821.65
Less Increase				66,439.89
Net Decrease				$290,381.76

Percentage of Decrease 13.93%

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1949 & SEPTEMBER 1950

	Sept. 1949	Sept. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 711,347.36	$ 599,243.44	$	$112,103.92
Beer and Wine License	1,975.71	1,622.56		353.15
Liquor License	1,930.67	321.75		1,608.92
Importers License	20.00			20.00
Tax on Beer	902,860.26	1,039,793.86	136,933.60	
Tax on Wine	89,445.89	151,550.04	62,104.15	
Beverage Tags	32,00	44.00	12.00	
Penalties	125.00	790.00	665.00	
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales		6.61	6.61	
TOTALS	$1,707,737.89	$1,793,372.26	$199,721.36	$114,086.99
Less Decrease			114,086.99	
Net Increase			$ 85,634.37	

Percentage of Increase 5.01%

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District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Car Value	Value Property
1—Pensacola	11	1,940	3,020	43 5/16	0	$ 0	$ 1,464.0
2—Tallahassee	4	575	1,450	22 8/16	2	2,000.00	2,250.0
3—Jacksonville	7	2,750	13,300	315 5/16	3	1,000.00	6,333.5
4—Ocala	2	800	4,100	143 8/16	1	225.00	2,316.0
5—Orlando	1	50	200	6	1	50.00	75.0
6—Tampa	1	150	1,000	0	0	0	1,058.0
7—Sarasota	2	120	200	0	0	0	525.0
8—Miami	0	0	0	72	1	25.00	
FLYING SQUADS							
Section "A"	10	2,470	6,095	188 8/16	6	450.00	4,628.0
Section "B"	12	5,950	23,010	1,050	1	50.00	21,100.0
Section "C"	11	2,100	3,350	104	0	0	4,920.0
GRAND TOTAL	61	22,180	55,725	1,945 2/16	15	$3,800.00	$44,669.3

MISCELLANEOUS:

84 Bags Charcoal, 170 Gallons Fuel Oil, 980 Lbs. Sugar, 1,200 Lbs. Grain.

ART – SEPTEMBER 1950

Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
16	17	17	0	$1,662.48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
6	1	1	0	25.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	23	22	1	1,925.00	0	10	0	1	0	3	0	0
25	6	6	0	1,041.34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	6	6	0	1,375.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	300.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	9	5	4	350.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	11	11	0	463.00	0	2	15	5	0	2	15	0
21	1	1	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	6	6	0	950.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	7	7	0	522.83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
164	88	83	5	$8,664.65	1	0	15	6	0	5	15	0

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER 1949 & SEPTEMBER 1950

RECEIPTS	Sept. 1949	Sept. 1950	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 711,347.36	$ 599,243.44	$	$112,103.92
Tax on Beer	902,860.26	1,039,793.86	136,933.60	
Tax on Wine	89,445.89	151,550.04	62,104.15	
Tax on Cigarettes	973,997.46	1,273,493.98	299,496.52	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	1,930.67	321.75		1,608.92
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	1,975.71	1,622.56		353.15
Importers License	20.00			20.00
License to sell Cigarettes	3,711.00			3,711.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	230.06	841.11	611.05	
TOTALS	$2,685,518.41	$3,066,866.74	$499,145.32	$117,796.69
Less Decrease			117,796.99	
Net Increase			$381,348.33	
Percentage of Increase	14.20%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

SEPTEMBER — 1950

	COP	CLUB	DB	DWB	PS	LD
New Applications, Approved	9	0	2	2	1	0
New Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer, Applications, Approved	95	2	1	1	15	3
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0	0
	104	2	3	3	16	3

TOTAL.....131

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

SEPTEMBER — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	153	30	44	18
New Applications, Disapproved	4	0	2	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	124	21	140	13
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0
	281	51	186	31

TOTAL.....549

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1949-50 & 1950-51

	Three Months 1949-50	Three Months 1950-51	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$1,721,877.00	$2,514,332.40	$ 792,455.40	$
Beer and Wine License	4,449.57	4,102.02		347.55
Liquor License	4,972.46	2,624.62		2,347.84
Importers License	30.00	10.00		20.00
Tax on Beer	2,680,378.60	3,033,085.59	352,706.99	
Tax on Wine	278,620.87	434,591.42	155,970.55	
Beverage Tags	102.00	81.00		21.00
Penalties	3,849.50	1,025.00		2,824.50
Storage Permits	1.00			1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	68,22	6.61		61.61
TOTALS	$4,694,349.22	$5,989,858.66	$1,301,132.94	$5,623.50
Less Decrease			5,623.50	
Net Increase			$1,295,509.44	
Percentage of Increase	27.60%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1950 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

RECEIPTS

Collected from sale of Stamps	$2,512,834.83	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No stamps issued)	1,497.57	
Total collected from Liquor		$2,514,332.40
Beer and Wine License		4,102.02
Liquor License		2,624.62
Importers License		10.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		2,467,677.01
Beverage Tags		81.00
Penalties		1,025.00
Miscellaneous Sales		6.61
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$5,989,858.66

All collections deposited directly to General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of untaxed liquor	10
2.	Possessing liquor for sale	2
3.	Operating a place where liquor is sold	1
4.	Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	31
5.	Transporting untaxed liquor	1
6.	Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	0
7.	Sale of Liquor	0
8.	Possessing untaxed liquor	8
9.	Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	0
10.	Possessing illicit equipment	6
11.	Sale of beer after hours	0
12.	Sale of beer without license	0
13.	Sale of beer or liquor to minors	0
14.	Possession gambling equipment	13
	TOTAL	72

WET COUNTIES		No. Arrests
1.	Sale of alcoholic beverages after hours	8
2.	Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3.	Transporting untaxed liquor	16
4.	Sale of untaxed liquor	7
5.	Possessing illicit equipment	18
6.	Selling Beer and Wine without a license	8
7.	Sale to minor	0
8.	Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	2
9.	Selling liquor without license	3
10.	Possessing untaxed liquor	72
11.	Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	1
12.	Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	0
13.	Possession of gambling equipment	23
14.	Employing a minor	0
15.	Sale of liquor after hours	2
16.	Minors loitering in liquor establishments	0
	TOTAL	160

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
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DECEMBER, 1950

BEVERAGE TAX SURVEY SHOWS INTERESTING FACTS

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By

Lewis M. Schott, Director

State Beverage Department

As shown in last month's report on the tax survey recently carried out by this department, your State Beverage Department has collected over a quarter of a billion dollars in taxes since it first was organized in the 1933-34 fiscal year. Since the first year's collection of $412,891 through the 1949-50 fiscal year's whopping $39,018,396, collections have followed an ascending line, with sharp upward breaks in those instances where taxes on any products covered were raised.

In only one of the many categories included in the survey has there been a declining trend. That is in the sale of beer and wine licenses, revenue from which has been going down for the past two years.

During the 1947-48 fiscal year, the department collected $226,219 from beer and wine licenses. In the 1948-49 fiscal year this dropped to $221,505, and in the 1949-50 fiscal year revenue from this source decreased to $214,569. However, while license taxes were going down, tax revenue from the sale of beer itself has been going steadily up.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, taxes from beer amounted to $10,330,721. The following year beer tax revenue was $10,563,469, and in the fiscal year concluded last June 30, we collected $10,649,749 from taxes on beer.

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BEVERAGE DIVISION

NET SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER COLLECTED IN NOVEMBER 1950

	No. of Gallons or Bottles	Collected
Beer Collected in Bottles (Pints or Less)	24,749,325	$ 742,479.75
Beer in Bottles (Quarts)	792,002	47,520.12
Beer in Kegs (Gallons)	649,098.00	155,783.43
Natural Sparkling Wine (Gallons)	2,232.76	4,465.52
Wine Over 14% ($1.40 per Gallon)	106,254.63	148,756.50
Wine Less than 14% ($1.00 per Gallon)	21,195.45	21,195.45
Florida Wine (20c per Gallon)	1,076.00	215.20
NET COLLECTIONS		$1,120,415.97

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

RECEIPTS		
EXCISE TAXES		
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$4,403,601.16	
Tax on Beer	4,902,809.20	
Tax on Wine	772,058.00	
Tax on Cigarettes	6,475,113.61	
TOTAL EXCISE TAXES		$16,553,581.97
LICENSE TAXES		
License to sell Liquor	989,464.11	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	197,311.62	
Importers License	30.00	
TOTAL LICENSE TAXES		$ 1,186,805.73
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES		
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.		3,916.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$17,744,304.57

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR OCTOBER 1949 AND OCTOBER 1950

	Oct. 1949	Oct. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Beer	2,780,277	3,167,348	387,071	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,206	2,233	1,027	
Wine over 14%	101,965	106,255	4,290	
Wine less than 14%	12,030	21,195	9,165	
Florida Wine	4,014	1,076		2,938

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON GALLONAGE SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR SEPTEMBER 1950 AND OCTOBER 1950

	Sept. 1950	Oct. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Beer	3,106,258	3,167,348	61,090	
Natural Sparkling Wine	1,281	2,233	952	
Wine over 14%	100,050	106,255	6,205	
Wine less than 14%	20,153	21,195	1,042	
Florida Wine	743	1,076	333	

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COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE 1949-50 & 1950-51 FISCAL YEAR

	Five Months 1949-50	Five Months 1950-51	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$ 3,841,423.67	$ 4,403,601.16	$ 562,177.49	$
Tax on Beer	4,391,969.47	4,902,809.20	510,839.73	
Tax on Wine	609,353.60	772,058.00	162,704.40	
Tax on Cigarettes	5,083,389.23	6,475,113.61	1,391,724.38	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	982,409.99	989,464.11	7,054.12	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	183,443.83	197,311.62	13,867.79	
Importers License	30.00	30.00		
License to sell Cigarettes	79,967.00			79,967.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Beverage Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	6,015.12	3,916.87		2,098.25
TOTALS	$15,178,001.91	$17,744,304.57	$2,648,367.91	$82,065.25
Less Decrease			82,065.25	
Net Increase			$2,566,302.66	
Percentage of Increase	16.91%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

AMOUNT COLLECTED AND DEPOSITED IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1950

Collected from Sale of Liquor	$1,127,014.84
Beer and Wine License	55,007.60
Liquor License	214,786.00
Beer and Wine Tax	1,120,415.97
Beverage Tags	1,132.00
Penalties	839.00
Storage Permits	1.00
TOTAL	$2,519,196.41

BEVERAGE TAX SURVEY SHOWS INTERESTING FACTS

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Tax policy is, of course, determined by the legislature, but if it is possible to separate people into two categories, those who like malt beverages and those who prefer distilled spirits, it is interesting to note that, over a 17-year spread the taxes paid by those in each category balance out surprisingly well.

Since the first beverage tax dollar was collected by the state, beer drinkers have paid $69,772,674 as against $77,625,881 in taxes paid by those who prefer spirituous beverages. If we arbitrarily add the $9,985,290 in wine taxes collected over the years to the beer tax, an almost exact balance is struck.

Statistics compiled during the survey show how the beverage department is becoming increasingly important in the state's economy. For example, during the past two fiscal years this department has collected $73,246,497 out of the total of $240,952,193 collected from the department's inception through June 30, 1950.

This works out at one-third—32.9% to be exact—of all the money ever collected by the beverage department. We have done this with the lowest ratio of costs to collections in the history of the department.

This month of December will round out the second complete year in office of the present administration. They have been a busy two years, with a full share of difficulties and tribulations, but I feel that they have been productive, not only in the vital matter of tax collections, but in the cementing of cooperation and good relations between the beverage industry and the department which has the duty of regulating the industry and of administering and enforcing state beverage laws.

This month also will end two years of intensive beverage law enforcement by this administration, and next month in this space I hope to report to you some of our enforcement achievements.

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR OCTOBER 1950 AND NOVEMBER 1950

	Oct. 1950	Nov. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$ 762,253.92	$1,127,014.84	$364,760.92	$
Beer and Wine License	138,202.00	55,007.60		83,194.40
Liquor License	772,053.49	214,786.00		557,267.49
Importers License	20.00			20.00
Tax on Beer	923,840.35	945,883.26	22,042.91	
Tax on Wine	162,933.87	174,532.71	11,598.84	
Beverage Tags	446.25	1,132.00	685.75	
Penalties	255.00	839.00	584.00	
Storage Permits		1.00	1.00	
Miscellaneous Sales	74.45			74.45
TOTALS	$2,760,079.33	$2,519,196.41	$399,673.42	$640,556.34
Less Increase				399,673.42
Net Decrease				$240,882.92
Percentage of Decrease	8.73%			

BEVERAGE DIVISION

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER 1949 AND NOVEMBER 1950

	Nov. 1949	Nov. 1950	Increase	Decrease
Collected on Liquor	$1,001,433.56	$1,127,014.84	$125,581.28	$
Beer and Wine License	30,305.50	55,007.60	24,702.10	
Liquor License	97,340.77	214,786.00	117,445.23	
Tax on Beer	828,069.03	945,883.26	117,814.23	
Tax on Wine	154,115.70	174,532.71	20,417.01	
Beverage Tags	433.00	1,132.00	699.00	
Penalties	552.50	839.00	286.50	
Storage Permits	1.00	1.00		
Miscellaneous Sales	2.25			2.25
TOTALS	$2,112,253.31	$2,519,196.41	$406,945.35	$ 2.25
Less Decrease			2.25	
Net Increase			$406,943.10	
Percentage of Increase	19.27%			

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District	Stills	(Gals.) Capacity	(Gals.) Mash	(Gals.) Shine	Cars	Car Value	Property Value
1—Pensacola	13	1,900	3,800	27	0	0	$ 1,779.0
2—Tallahassee	5	1,400	5,000	48	2	300.00	3,150.0
3—Jacksonville	12	4,500	20,900	303	2	110.00	8,873.9
4—Ocala	0	0	0	308	4	2,015.00	2,156.0
5—Orlando	0	0	0	65	0	0	0
6—Tampa	2	100	2,150	10	0	0	925.0
7—Sarasota	1	50	100	0	0	0	100.0
8—Miami	1	250	1,500	0	0	0	1,200.0
Flying Squads	1	100	660	84	0	0	340.0
GRAND TOTAL	35	8,300	34,110	845	8	$2,425.00	$18,523.9

MISCELLANEOUS:

30 Gallons Syrup; 150 Gallons Kerosene; 50 Gallons Fuel Oil; 1,980 lbs. Charcoal.

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Arrests	Cases Tried	Con-victed	Ac-quitted	Fines	Time Y	Time M	Time D	Sentences Suspended	Time Suspended Y	Time Suspended M	Time Suspended D	Fines Suspended
21	6	6	0	$ 615.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	6	6	0	496.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	18	18	0	1,110.00	0	10	3	4	0	10	0	0
13	9	9	0	1,375.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	6	6	0	1,064.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	6	6	0	425.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	10	10	0	2,925.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	10	9	1	1,430.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
132	71	70	1	$9,440.50	0	10	3	4	0	10	0	0

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER 1949 AND NOVEMBER 1950

RECEIPTS	Nov. 1949	Nov. 1950	Increase	Decrease
EXCISE TAXES				
Spirituous Beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by weight	$1,001,433.56	$1,127,014.84	$125,581.28	$
Tax on Beer	828,069.03	945,883.26	117,814.23	
Tax on Wine	154,115.70	174,532.71	20,417.01	
Tax on Cigarettes	1,262,736.52	1,443,672.59	180,936.07	
LICENSE TAXES				
License to sell Liquor	97,340.77	214,786.00	117,445.23	
License to sell Beer, Beer and Wine	30,305.50	55,007.60	24,702.10	
License to sell Cigarettes	3,015.00			3,015.00
MISCELLANEOUS TAXES				
Vehicle Permits, Penalties, etc.	998.93	1,978.06	979.13	
TOTALS	$3,378,015.01	$3,962,875.06	$587,875.05	$ 3,015.00
Less Decrease			3,015.00	
Net Increase			$584,860.05	
Percentage of Increase	17.31%			

APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

NOVEMBER — 1950

	COP	PS	CLUB	DBW	LD
New Applications, Approved	9	0	1	2	0
New Applications, Disapproved	2	0	0	0	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	65	12	2	4	1
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	0	0	0	0	0
	76	12	3	6	1

TOTAL..... 98

APPLICATIONS FOR BEER LICENSES

NOVEMBER — 1950

	(1)COP	(1-A)PS	(2-A)COP	(2-A)PS
New Applications, Approved	116	38	62	23
New Applications, Disapproved	11	0	1	0
Transfer Applications, Approved	82	9	93	15
Transfer Applications, Disapproved	2	0	2	0
	211	47	158	38

Total.....454

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Tax on Beer	4,391,969.47	4,902,809.20	510,839.73	
Tax on Wine	609,353.60	772,058.00	162,704.40	
Beverage Tags	876.00	1,659.25	783.25	
Penalties	4,863.00	2,119.00		2,744.00
Storage Permits	2.00	1.00		1.00
Miscellaneous Sales	117.47	52.50		64.97
Confiscated Liquor		28.56	28.56	
TOTALS	$10,014,489.03	$11,269,134.40	$1,257,455.34	$2,809.97
Less Decrease			2,809.97	
Net Increase			$1,254,645.37	
Percentage of Increase	12.37%			

STATE BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT

BEVERAGE DIVISION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1950 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

RECEIPTS		
Collected from sale of Stamps	$4,400,704.12	
Collected from sale of Liquor (No stamps issued)	2,897.04	
Total collected from Liquor		$ 4,403,601.16
Beer and Wine License		197,311.62
Liquor License		989,464.11
Importers License		30.00
Tax on Beer and Wine		5,674,867.20
Beverage Tags		1,659.25
Penalties		2,119.00
Storage Permits		1.00
Miscellaneous Sales		81.06
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$11,269,134.40

All collections deposited directly to General Revenue Fund.

ARREST BREAKDOWN

DRY COUNTIES	No. Arrests
1. Sale of untaxed liquor	6
2. Possessing liquor for sale	3
3. Operating a place where liquor is sold	1
4. Possession of untaxed alcoholic beverages	6
5. Transporting untaxed liquor	0
6. Removing and concealing untaxed liquor	0
7. Sale of liquor	1
8. Possessing untaxed liquor	15
9. Possession of unauthorized beverages (liquor on beer license)	2
10. Possessing illicit equipment	9
11. Sale of beer after hours	0
12. Sale of beer without license	0
13. Sale of beer or liquor to minors	0
14. Possession of gambling equipment	1
TOTAL	44

WET COUNTIES	No. Arrests
1. Sale of alcohol beverages after hours	6
2. Selling cigarettes without a license	0
3. Transporting untaxed liquor	4
4. Sale of untaxed liquor	2
5. Possessing illicit equipment	3
6. Selling beer and wine without a license	3
7. Sale to minor	6
8. Possession of unauthorized beverages, (liquor on beer and wine license)	5
9. Selling liquor without license	3
10. Possessing untaxed liquor	61
11. Moving, concealing and depositing untaxed liquor	0
12. Violation of Internal Revenue Laws	11
13. Possession of gambling equipment	9
14. Employing a minor	0
15. Sale of liquor after hours	1
TOTAL	114

BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT TAX RATES

Standard packages of cigarettes per package	5c
Beer in bottles—one pint or fraction thereof	3c
Beer from kegs per gallon	24c
Wine under 14% of alcohol, manufactured in Florida, per gallon	20c
Other wine under 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.00
Wine 14% of alcohol per gallon	$1.40
Natural Sparkling wine per gallon	$2.00
Spirituous beverage under 14% of alcohol per gallon	50c
Spirituous beverage 14% more alcohol and not more than 48% per gal.	$2.17
Spirituous beverage over 48% per gallon	$4.34

Florida has a local option, a county being the smallest voting unit. We have 19 dry and 48 wet counties. Beverages containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight may be sold in all counties.

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